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Overtime cuts mean less winter road work

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission, in response to a budget that continues to shrink due to cuts in funding at the state level, is cutting overtime for a second consecutive year — a move that will likely result in unfavorable conditions on many area roads during the Road Commission's non-work hours this winter.

The Road Commission's primary source of funding for maintenance — money from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF), which comes mostly from gasoline taxes, weight taxes, and license plate fees — has been declining by four to five percent per year for the last five years, Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said.

"MTF is our only source of revenue for maintenance," Babcock said. "With less gas being sold, less tax is collected and less money distributed to local Road Commissions."

The increase in gas prices doesn't help boost the MTF, Babcock said, since the gasoline tax is a fixed amount determined by the state legislature, not a percentage of the cost people pay for gallons of gas at the

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Goodale's Christmas Express rolls for holidays



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Loren Goodale and Loren Goodale III opened up their home on Sunday to let people view the family's Christmas Village and extensive toy train collection. Donations for Crawford County Community Christian Help Center were accepted in order to view the family's holiday display, which is kept in their home year round. Eighty-six food items and \$153 in donations were received. Above, Loren Goodale mans the controls for the trains. Left, Kyle Birdsall, 10, a fifth grader at the Grayling Elementary School, views the Christmas Village and the train collection.

Snow storm blankets region

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A myriad of weather systems coming together dumped several inches of snow on northern Michigan and created hazardous conditions for motorists over the weekend and on Monday.

The snow storm was created by a low pressure system that moved across the Central Plains and up through the Midwest, carrying a large amount of moisture from the Pacific region, said Dave Lawrence, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Office in Gaylord.

"With all the cold air in place, it all resulted in snow, sleet and freezing rain here and there, and we got hammered," Lawrence said.

The weather system was followed by lake effect snow off of the Great Lakes.

The storm dumped between two and four inches of snow throughout Crawford County, and up to eight inches in some other locations, Lawrence said.

The storm caused the Crawford AuSable School District to cancel school on Monday. The Crawford County Senior Center was also closed, and the Crawford County

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Camp Grayling receives funding for battle course

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Camp Grayling was recently awarded a \$2.5 million Department of Defense grant that will allow the military installation to build a range where full platoons will be able to train for combat.

The infantry platoon battle course will be built at Camp Grayling's Multi-Purpose Range Complex, which is located off of North Down River Road near Stephan Bridge Road.

The complex will be used to train and test infantry platoons, either mounted or dismounted, on the skills necessary to conduct tactical movement techniques, and detect, identify, engage and defeat stationary and moving infantry armor targets.

The primary features of the battle course will include one moving armor target, 12 moving infantry targets, one trench obstacle and two landing zones. In addition, the range will include six stationary armor targets, 43 stationary infantry targets, nine machine gun bunkers with sound effect simulators and one house defended by snipers.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Camp Grayling was recently awarded a \$2.5 million Department of Defense grant that will allow the military installation to build a range where full platoons will be able to train for combat. Above, Col. Dean Brown, Camp Grayling's commander, Lt. Col. James Gardner, Camp Grayling's director of operations, and Maj. Bernie Peters, Camp Grayling's range operations officer, look over the plans for the infantry platoon battle course.

Cops for Kids Christmas tree sale underway

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association is selling Christmas trees in the Grayling Kmart parking lot in order to provide a brighter holiday for some youngsters.

The 12th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale has continued to grow in interest every year and has brought people from all over the State of Michigan, either buying a tree or donating money to their program.

The association plans to sell approximately 240 trees, ranging in price from \$20 to \$40.

Douglas Hill and Black Fir trees are \$40, Blue Spruce are \$35 and Scotch trees are \$20. They will also be selling Christmas wreaths. Twenty-four inch wreaths are \$20, while a 36-inch wreath is being sold for \$35.

Most of the proceeds go towards the Cops for Kids program, in which the association takes between 15 and 20 kids shopping at the Grayling Kmart

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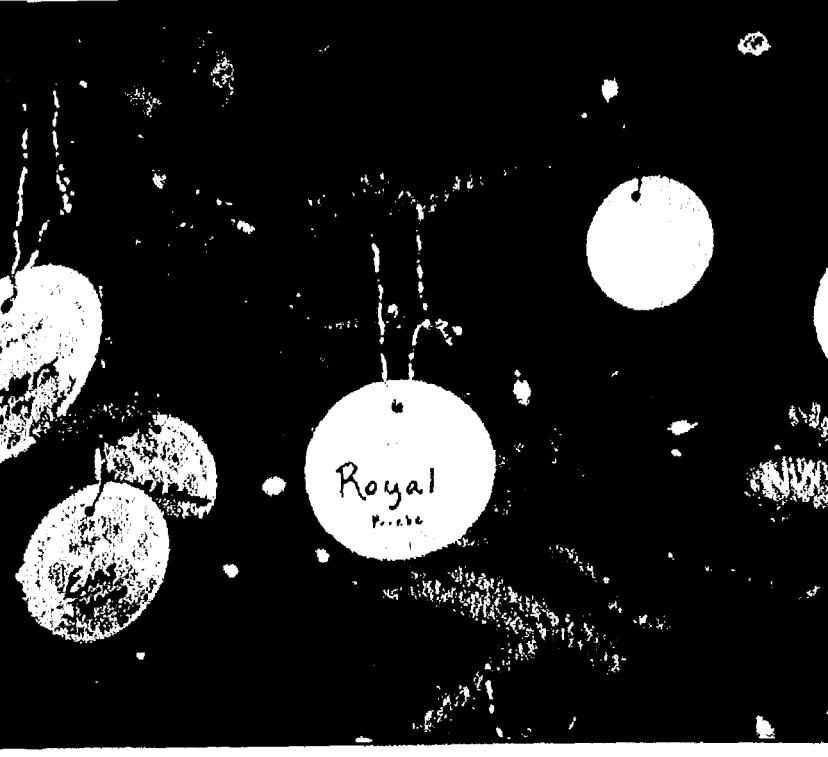
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Shelter holds Paws to Cherish holiday ceremony



About two dozen people braved snow and high winds to attend the Paws to Cherish ceremony held at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter on Saturday. Rev. Elizabeth Chase of the St. Francis Episcopal Church offered a blessing at the ceremony. Above, more than 120 beloved pets, past and present, were honored with ornaments on the Paws to Cherish Christmas tree. Left, Callie, a dog that has been at the shelter for over two years, is pictured during the pet photos with Santa. All Callie wants for Christmas is a new, loving home, and hopes Santa will bring the right people to the shelter soon.

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pumps. In an effort to operate within its shrinking budget, the Road Commission tried to greatly reduce or eliminate its winter overtime hours last year, and the Road Commission is doing the same thing this year. The cuts in overtime will not affect winter operations on I-75, M-72, M-93, the I-75 Business Loop, or US-127, because the Michigan Department of

Transportation (MDOT) pays the Road Commission for work it does on those roadways. Local and primary roads under the Road Commission's jurisdiction, however, will be affected.

"Same thing as last year. We didn't work overtime last year either, except for state highways, which we have to do as part of our state maintenance contract. Any work we do on the state highway system is reimbursed by (MDOT)," Babcock said.

"If we don't start reducing our overtime we'll run through our budget by the middle of February, if not before," he added. "Last year we were pretty fortunate because December was pretty easy on us. I don't know if it will be like that again with the snow we've gotten so far and what's expected."

The Road Commission's regular winter hours for its crew are 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, so the cut in

overtime will likely have a major impact on primary and local road conditions during the weekends, since workers will not be out plowing, sanding, and salting on Saturdays and Sundays.

"People are going to have to drive carefully," Babcock said. "We're not going to have dry pavement and clear roadways until Monday when we can get out there."

The Road Commission's diminishing workforce—another result of the shrinking budget—will also have a negative impact on its ability to keep roads clear this winter. Babcock said the Road Commission has five fewer drivers now than three years ago, all of which are the result of not replacing retirees.

"We're looking at a couple more retiring at the end of the year, but we will replace them. We can't afford to be down any more, but if revenues keep declining that theory may have

to change also," Babcock said.

"It's not what we want to do," Babcock said of the Road Commission's cutbacks. "It's coming for all counties. I can't think of any of the counties up north that haven't had to cut something. It's getting so bad we have to cut winter operations."

In an effort to help its economic situation, the Road Commission Board is considering another attempt at the five-year, one-mill proposal that was defeated in the 2006 November election by a vote of 2,910 to 2,734. The purpose of the millage proposal is to generate money for primary road improvements.

Babcock said the millage money would help free up some of the Road Commission's MTF money currently being used in road projects for maintenance.

"The only other way to get more money is if the legislature gives it to us," he said.

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for much needed items such as coats, mittens, hats, along with a couple of fun items for the children and their family. The children are also treated to lunch at the Grayling Pizza Hut, before they are taken home with an extra large food basket donated by the Grayling Eagles Club - Ladies Auxiliary.

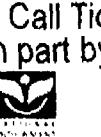
"It's a way for us to give back to the community for

Christmas," said Deputy Shawn Schnoor, the president of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association. "It's rewarding to take the kids shopping, and hopefully, we're providing a better Christmas for them."

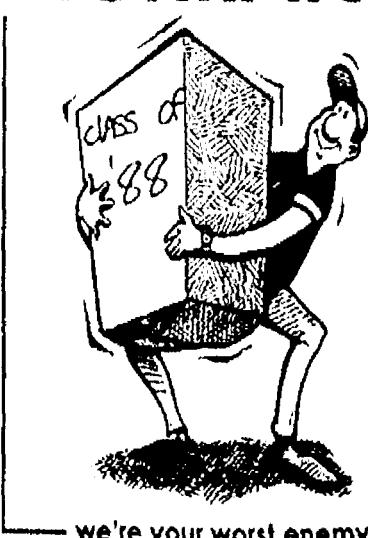
The program also assists in funding other youth-oriented events throughout the county, including the Crawford County Sheriff's Office Bicycle Rodeo, the Grayling Little League and

their hours of operation are Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Theresa Andrews at (989) 348-3213 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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GHS Players perform Bye Bye Birdie



The Grayling High School Players recently did a successful production of the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Above, Jordan Bulmer, Brianna Ferrell, Hannah Smith and Joe Emmons sing a number in the musical. Above right, Andy Curriston sings as Damin Hunter and Shane Grove dance in the background. Below, Grove catches Curriston, and Chris Wells rushes to his aide, when his character is punched after trying to steal one last kiss from a girl before leaving for the army.



Lake Margrethe Property Owners study lake levels

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Members of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association are spearheading efforts to manage the levels of the lake.

The lake association has undertaken responsibility to manage the levels of Lake Margrethe for the Crawford County Road Commission for the last 15 years.

A court order, issued in 1974 in accordance with the Inland Lake Level Act, mandated that the lake be maintained at 1,134.4 feet above sea level on April 30 of each year through Nov. 1, when boards at the dam, located at the outlet of Lake Margrethe on Portage Creek, are removed.

The lake association has undertaken responsibility to manage the levels of Lake Margrethe for the Crawford County Road Commission for the last 15 years.

Over the last five to seven years, lake association members have been having difficulty reaching the summer ordered

lake levels.

The problem has been caused since the Portage Creek dam, and the water flow in Portage Creek, are not adequately reducing lake water levels quickly enough. High water and winds have caused some areas of the Lake Margrethe shoreline to erode, and flooding to occur.

Some property owners have built seawalls to combat the erosion, which is a concern of the lake association, due to silt flowing into the lake and the prevention of the natural flow of water back into the ground.

"The more we have that is natural, the better the water quality is going to be," said Chuck Spencer, a member of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association's Board of Directors, who is overseeing the lake level study.

Last month, a gauge was installed on Lake Margrethe, by engineers from the Northwest Design Group of Petoskey, to accurately measure the level of the lake and to determine how the lake reacts once the boards at

the Portage Creek Dam are removed.

"It's just more handy for them and precise," said Howard Haselschwardt, the president and owner of the Northwest Design Group.

Lake level data dating back to the 1940s is also being compiled to determine trends with the lake.

Haselschwardt credited the lake association for their thorough records, given the lack of engineering and technical help used in maintaining the lake levels.

"The Lake Margrethe Property Owners have done a remarkably good job given the tools that they have had to use," Haselschwardt said.

An ongoing study of water flows for Portage Creek and at the dam is also being completed.

Crawford County Road Commission officials, who oversee the drain commission duties for the county, have given their blessing for the study. The road commission, however, said they could not commit funding for the project due to budget constraints.

"We don't have the finances either, but we have the most to lose," Spencer said.

Potential dredging at Portage Creek, or modifications to the dam, may be pursued once the lake study is completed.

"I am sure it's going to take another year before we're going to have all of our answers," said Joe Porter, the president of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association.

So far, the lake association has committed about \$7,000 toward the project.

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Transportation Authority parked its busses for the day.

Lawrence said the weather would remain chilly but calm through the week. There is a forecast for accumulated snow heading into the weekend, with a chance of continued snow storms through next week.

OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Legislature normal: Tax repealed, tax added

IT'S ALL IN a day's work down at the old lawmaking shop in Lansing.

Adopt a tax, repeal that one, adopt a different tax. Ho hum! What else is new?

That seems to be the normal pace for how the Michigan legislature and governor's office work together to write laws these days.

When deadline nears, they stew about what to do, make speeches, point fingers, issue ultimatums, and go home for a little rest.

And when the absolute deadline arrives, they scurry back to the capitol, make more speeches, point more fingers, issue more ultimatums, and finally come to grudging compromise agreement on what to do at least for the short term.

We'll really fix this problem later, they tell us. But for now, the finger is in the dike, crisis is avoided, and the real solution will come later.

That's not the way it really works, but it's close, and it's

probably the view most Michiganians hold about the legislative process here.

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LATEST EXAMPLE is adopting a six percent service tax, then repealing it a couple weeks later and passing a new law with a surcharge on the new Michigan Business Tax (MBT) which has not yet taken effect after it was adopted in June.

Both the MBT and the new surcharge kick in on Jan. 1, 2008.

The late, unlamented tax on services is another example of last-ditch legislative decision making, the details and impact of which were either unknown or underestimated when the short-lived law was adopted.

The service tax proposal was a mixed baggage at best, charging the six percent tax on a nonsensical list of personal and business activities.

Baby shoe bronzing, balloonograms and singing telegrams, shoe shining and fingernail care, dating service and wedding

planning all were taxable.

Consulting, service contracts and business service centers were taxable. Investment advice was taxable, but not brokerage fees. Skiing was taxable, but golf was not.

The whole thing had no logic and didn't make much sense. As a retired lobbyist commented to me:

"It looks like those interests which had good lobbyists made out all right."

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THE NEW TAX solution - a 21 percent surcharge on the new MBT - is designed to replace \$600 million that the tax on services was expected to yield.

Proponents claim about 60 percent of Michigan businesses will pay less under the MBT, even with the surcharge, than they are paying now. The other side of that coin is that if 60 percent are paying less, then 40 percent must be paying more.

The surcharge law includes a sundown provision to phase out between 2014 and 2017,

depending on expected growth in personal income in Michigan. No growth, no sundown.

All in all, Michigan's lawmaking machinery this year is a textbook example of how not to conduct the people's business. But it's how every budget has been written this year, and how taxes have been written, too.

Incidentally, remember back in January when Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposed a two percent tax on selected services, a plan summarily spiked by Republicans? The two percent idea seems pretty tame these days, doesn't it?

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IOWA UPDATE - The Iowa presidential caucuses on Jan. 3 are less than a month away, and recent polls show both the Republican and Democratic races are tightening.

Among Democrats, Hillary Clinton consistently has been leading Iowa polls, but Barack Obama now has pulled slightly ahead at 28 percent, with Sen. Clinton at 25 percent, and John

Edwards at 23 percent.

Among Republicans, Mitt Romney built a commanding polling lead in Iowa with massive advertising and intensive field work, but now trails Mike Huckabee, who almost has been living in Iowa for several weeks. The new poll shows Mr. Huckabee at 29 percent and Mr. Romney at 24 percent with Rudy Giuliani at 13 percent.

The margin of error in the Iowa polling is almost five percent, which means both party races are about as tight as they can get.

Things likely will continue to change during the next four weeks, and both Ms. Clinton and Mr. Romney could restore their earlier margins, although probably with somewhat narrower edges.

All of which, of course, underlines the significance of the Michigan primary, which follows the Iowa caucus by 12 days.

If he slips in Iowa, a strong showing in his native state is

even more vital for Mitt Romney's campaign.

For his part, Sen. Obama may wish he had chosen to participate here, too, instead of leaving his name off the Democratic ballot, to give Sen. Clinton a virtual free ride.

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MORE ELECTIONS - Other election notes from all over:

• United Russia, the party of Vladimir Putin, appears to have won a victory of more than 60 percent in the Russian election, which probably means four more years of power for Mr. Putin or maybe a lifetime.

• Fidel Castro has been nominated for a seat in Cuba's parliament, which means he will be eligible to continue to run Cuba, although he has not been around much for the last year or so. At 81, Mr. Castro has been president more than half his life.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

By Don Babcock, Crawford County Road Commission Managing Director

Rough roads looming

As with many other cash-strapped Road Commissions in northern Michigan, the Crawford County Road Commission will not be plowing or salting/sanding primary and local roads on overtime this winter. Due to a continual reduction in revenues over the past few years, and the increasing cost of road materials, operation and repairs, the Crawford County Road Commission has no choice but to cut services.

Overtime hours will be reduced, if not eliminated completely, on county primary and local roads for winter maintenance operations. Residents should not expect to see the Road Commission working on the county road system after regular working hours. The Road Commission's regular hours of work are Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

With less gas being sold, there is less tax collected by the state and less funding distributed to Michigan's county Road Commissions.

In order for the Crawford County Road Commission to stay within our budget, we have to cut back. The Road Commission has been forced to trim down the workforce by not replacing retirees with new drivers. Fewer drivers mean longer periods of time to clear roadways. The Road Commission

also had reduced services during summer maintenance operations. Residents have seen a reduction in blading of gravel roads and dust control. The Road Commission has also been strained not to upgrade vehicles that are used in the snow removal process. An older fleet means more break downs and more delays.

The Crawford County Road Commission has a maintenance contract to provide winter maintenance operations on the state highway system. Overtime and snow removal operations will continue as in previous years on these types of roadways. The Road Commission is reimbursed for expenditures by the Michigan Department of Transportation. These roads include I-75, I-75 Business Loop, US-127, M-72 and M-93.

Without an increase in funding on the state or local levels, Michigan's county Road Commissions will continue to struggle to stay within their budgets.

It's time for the Michigan legislature to work on improving funding and provide relief to the traveling public of Michigan's roads.

The Road Commission urges motorists to take their time and to be cautious when traveling during the winter months.

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To the editor:

Difficult times are here and now, which calls for changes to get started.

My opinion for the theme park is just that. I want the theme park to come to Crawford County and help this sagging economy.

This park will help our city get back to the way it used to be. People like you want to live in the past and not the present. Wake up and smell the roses for a positive attitude and not a negative one.

Even if the theme park scales down, jobs will be given to those

who qualify. Minimum wage or not, it is still a job. Shame on you for criticizing minimum wage. Remember we are only one pay -check away from being homeless.

This town can not survive on tourism, and as for the gas prices, do not blame the citizens that looked elsewhere my friend.

Many articles have been written, from non-residents living elsewhere, who oppose the theme park. Well you do not live here, so keep quiet.

As for the Detroit area, leave that city alone, they have their own problems. Surely they do not want ours.

If someone does not try to save this city, we will all go down for

the count, because of people like you. Enjoy the change and quit living in the past. Go forward and not backwards.

Yes, I know everyone has their opinion and I am not afraid to give mine. Change is exactly what this town needs so we all need to go forward and not backwards. All in favor, say I!

Theresa Behme
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

Just a thought. It would be nice to have a public ice skating rink downtown, maybe in the park. I know we have spent some money on the rink by the city building, but it is a little out of the way. It is a good rink for

hockey, but a nice family skating rink, with lights and maybe music, would be nice. It should be located in town within easy walking distance.

Mike Hopkins
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and

telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

WANTED: OLD PHOTOS!

We accept old photos for our "Historically Speaking" portion in our paper. Please submit your photos with information at The Crawford County Avalanche office, 102 Michigan Ave., Grayling.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will close at noon on

Monday, December 24.

Deadlines for the December 27

Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 10 am

Community News: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 5 pm

Classified Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 5 pm

Classified Ads by the word: Fri. Dec. 21 at noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, December 26 at 9 am.

Our office will close on

Monday, December 31 at noon.

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Classified Ads by the word: Fri. Dec. 28 at noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on

Wednesday, January 2 at 9 am.

BRIEFS

Church to hold Christmas concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, 12 miles west of Grayling on M-72, will present Mark and Andrea Forester in a special Christmas concert, on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. The Foresters sing southern and tradition gospel music. They play the piano, dobro, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, harmonica, drums, organ and more. They write much of the material they sing. Mark is an ordained minister and holds services in addition to their concert ministry. Refreshments will be available following the concert.

COA to go to Traverse City

On Dec. 13, the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, will head to Traverse City for Christmas shopping at the Grand Traverse Mall and lunch at the Olive Garden. A mystery shopping trip will wrap up the day. The cost is \$13, and the bus will leave the center at 8:30 a.m. For questions, transportation, or reservations, call Andrea at 348-7123.

Church to hold cookie sale

A cookie sale will be held at St. Mary's Family Center, Spruce St., Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. - noon.

COA to hold Christmas dinner

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, will hold a Christmas dinner on Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. The meal will consist of roast beef, baked potato, vegetables and cherry pie. A local children's choir will sing at the dinner. Tickets are \$6, if purchased before Dec. 11, or \$7 at the door. All are welcome. For questions, transportation, or to purchase tickets, call Andrea at 348-7123.

GHS band to offer musical Christmas cards

The Grayling Viking Band will begin taking orders for their Musical Christmas Cards this weekend. The band will provide four to eight students to perform a variety of musical Christmas selections that can be sent to an office gathering, senior citizens facility, hospital, friend or neighbor. To order a Christmas card, contact Shirley Curriston at 348-1348 or 732-7485. Forms are available at J.Dap anytime.

VFW to host Christmas party

The VFW Post 3736 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. Guests will be families from the 107th ENG BN.

VFW to hold craft show and bake sale

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold a bake sale and craft show from local vendors on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

Band boosters to hold monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling Schools.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse.

City seeks citizens to serve on committees

Municipal governments that are responsive to the needs of their constituents require citizen input into the policy making and governing process.

One way of achieving this goal is to have interested persons from the community serve on municipal boards, commissions and committees.

"The City of Grayling wants to provide necessary and required services in a fashion that best serves our community and we need our citizens' assistance to do so," said Grayling City Manager David A. Thayer. "Our city has a number of talented individuals that have an interest in how our community develops, how our economy grows and the manner in which services are provided. What we need to do is arouse that interest and have those individuals step forward to help direct our future path."

The city is not necessarily looking for well trained, experienced professionals. Rather, officials are looking for the neighbor who lives next door who has passion and cares about their community, its kids and their fellow townspeople.

"A small commitment can and will produce big results," Thayer said. "Normally, there is a reluctance to step forward to help because the person does not know what is required.

Snowmobile Association stresses trail safety

The Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA) is reminding all snowmobile enthusiasts to ride safe after the trails open on December 1.

The MSA offers programs to teach safe riding skills and to promote its strict peer-enforced "Zero Tolerance" for alcohol. These programs have established MSA members among the safest riders in Michigan.

"Safety is the most important part of having a good time on the trails. This entails knowledge of the latest and most comprehensive safety instructions, and also adhering to a strict zero tolerance policy," said Bill Manson, the MSA's executive director.

Fatality statistics recorded by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conclude that a majority of fatal accidents involved three factors: alcohol consumption, a collision and an accident that occurred off a groomed (plowed) snowmobile trail.

The International Snowmobile Congress in June 2002 endorsed a 0.0% blood alcohol level as the only acceptable level for riding a snowmobile. The MSA wholeheartedly adopted the "Zero Tolerance" policy and its motto: "Zero tolerance I say, 'til I'm done for the day!"

Groomed and marked trails are essential to enjoy safe, comfortable snowmobiling. Establishing a permanent trail system in Michigan is one of the MSA's core goals. The overall vitality of the industry depends on a good trail network, but it also fosters an atmosphere of state regulation and personal responsibility that results in a safer experience for all riders. The DNR administers funding for the trail improvement pro-

gram, which comes from registrations, trail permits and a small portion of the tax on gasoline.

The Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund is responsible for maintenance of the entire snowmobile trail system. Michigan has over 6,400 miles of trails on public and private lands that are designated for snowmobile use from December 1 to March 31. Trail grooming is done entirely by clubs and business associations, most of whom are volunteers.

Along with the zero tolerance and trail grooming programs, the MSA adopted the "Safe Riders! You Make Snowmobiling Safe" campaign. The international effort established safety guidelines that must be practiced while snowmobiling, such as checking the ground for riding conditions and judgment of traveling speed. The campaign features distribution of free materials, including an instructional safety video and literature on issues like zero tolerance.

The combination of programs and communications made available by the MSA has helped to greatly reduce accidents and fatalities among its membership. The MSA is the voice for snowmobilers in Michigan, and it will continue to stress the importance of safe and responsible riding.

"Our members strive to be the safest snowmobilers every winter. We know that our programs reduce the chances of someone being hurt while riding. We pride ourselves on doing it right in all aspects of the industry," said Manson.

The snowmobile industry generates more than \$1 billion per year for Michigan's economy and supports over 7,000 direct jobs.

Chamber Challenge Raffle tickets are available

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 Chamber Challenge Raffle will be held on Jan. 26, 2008, at the Grayling Ramada Inn. Tickets for the annual raffle are on sale now. You need not be present to win.

The cash prizes to be given away that night include one each at \$10,000, \$500, \$300, \$200 and 10 - \$100 prizes, for a grand total of \$12,000. The raffle tick-

ets are \$100 each and can be purchased at the Chamber office or from any one of the Chamber board or Ambassadors Club members.

The ticket price does not include dinner, but those are available for \$25 per person. Call the Chamber office at 989-348-2921 for more information or to purchase your tickets. The Chamber accepts cash, checks and most credit cards.

Grant money available

December 31 is the grant deadline for applications to the North Central Michigan Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for the 2008 grant cycle. Applications are available on the Community Foundation Web site at www.ncmcf.org or by calling NCMCF at 877-354-6881.

Applications may be submitted online, or mailed to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be

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The Bible Speaks

Remembering Sin's Servitude

Romans 6:20,21 reminds us of negative reasons we should not desire to serve sin anymore as believers. "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death."

The only foundation for God's righteousness is personal faith in the person, work, and word of our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins. Self-righteousness which rejects the sacrificial death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins is one of the most deceptive and evil of all sins. The unsaved people hardest to reach are those who feel self-sufficient or self-righteous and have no desire to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus rebuked this kind of human righteousness in the scribes and Pharisees. They justify themselves before men, but they were an abomination before God. (Luke 16:15). They were ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteous. (Romans 10:2). These people trusted in themselves as righteous and despise others. (Luke 18:9-14).

The self-righteous do not understand that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" before a holy God. (Isa. 64:6). "10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." (Rom. 3:10).

Sinners have no foundation of faith or fruit from faith. "21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?" (Rom. 6:21a) There is no good fruit from sin. The entire book of Ecclesiastes taught this lesson. Solomon sought satisfaction in wisdom, arts, pleasure and possessions yet he found none. He said in Ecclesiastes 1:2: "2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity." He ended the book saying, "8 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; all is vanity." (Ecc. 12:8). The pleasure of sin is seasonal and short. (Heb. 11:25). People who live for self and sin end their lives empty, alone, and without hope.

Sinners have no favor from faith. They wind up ashamed of the sins which have destroyed their lives; "...those things whereof ye are now ashamed?" Night and darkness is the choice for sin because of the shame. Jesus said in John 3:19; "...men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Thieves steal by night. (Jer.

49:9). Alcoholics are "drunken in the night." (1 Thess 5:7). Judas betrayed Jesus at night. (John 13:30). "5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." (1 Thess 5:5). God has "delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." (Col. 1:13). Jesus said in John 8:12: "...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Sinners have no future from faith. They face death for their sins; "...for the end of those things is death." Death by sin passed upon all of us. (Rom. 5:12). "...Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (James 1:15). "23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23). Don't be hypocritical. "13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish." (Job 8:13). Someone said, "Hypocrisy is the tribute vice pays to virtue." Pastor "B"

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Pastor Larry Hankins
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Morning Worship 11 am
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Four Generations



Four generations came together for Thanksgiving. From (L to R) Braeden Tickle, born Sept. 28, (mother) Kelley Tickle of Sterling Heights, (great-grandmother) Violet Tomaszewski, and Valerie Brown (grandma) both of Grayling.

Stephan family descendants



Several descendants of the Stephan family were guests at the Elderberries' regular monthly luncheon in October, at the United Methodist Church. They shared their stories and recollections of growing up in Crawford County, many of them in the vicinity of Stephan Bridge on the AuSable River. This picture represents only a very small number of Stephan descendants who presently live in Crawford County. Shown here from the left: (back row) Carol and Lacey Stephan, Bill Moshier, Bernie Fowler, Bob Bovee, Ted Stephan, Yetive Szkotnicki, Jay Stephan; (front row) Kathryn Garbe, Pat Fowler, Fay Bovee and Bev Halliday. Present, but not in the picture: Betty Haslem, Mary Jane Jorgenson and Mike Gardiner.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library
A "Happy Holiday Hors d'oeuvres" program will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with chef Larry Meyer (from the Big Buck Brewery). Learn to make hors d'oeuvres and be the hit of the holiday season. Space is limited, stop by the Devereaux Memorial Library to sign up or call 989-348-9214.

This month's selection being read by the C.C.L.L. Book Club is "A Travel Guide to Heaven" by Anthony DeStefano. The group will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. Bring a wrapped book, used or old, and a snack to share.

Put on your p.j.'s and enjoy "The Night Before Christmas" with all your friends at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. There will be stories, singing, snacks and a special visit from one of Santa's favorite helpers, Sgt. Sock Monkey. There will be a collection of items to be sent to the troops serving our country. A list of items, as well as collection boxes, will be placed at each branch location.

There is a lost and found at the library, if you think you may have left items at the library recently, stop by or call our staff at 989-348-9214 with a description.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of Nov. 18 - Dec. 2:

Twelve traffic warnings, five traffic accidents, one private property accident, three misdemeanor arrests, one civil citation, one domestic assault, four civil complaints, three B&Es, two suspicious situation complaints, eight larceny complaints, five juvenile complaints, six assist other departments, three disturbance complaints, one fraud complaint, two MDOP complaints, 26 city ordinance violations, one threat complaint, one purchase permit and 30 unclassified complaints.

AREA EVENTS

Charlevoix - "Singles for Christ" invites all singles, 40 and over, to the annual Christmas potluck on Saturday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m., at the Charlevoix Estates Clubhouse, 6685 M-66 N., Charlevoix. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange, a dish to pass and beverage of choice. R.S.V.P. soon, as seating is limited. Call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 with your reservation.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 7 - Lunch - baked chicken, potatoes and peas, stewed tomatoes and pineapple. No dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, Dec. 8 - Foot clinic - cost is \$15, call for an appt. 821-5428 and bring your own towel.

Monday, Dec. 10 - Lunch - oven omelette, cheesy potato casserole, green beans and an apple. Dinner - Swiss steak, baked potato, corn and mixed fruit. 1 p.m. Bridge Club.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Lunch - Swedish meatballs, asparagus, glazed carrots and pineapple. Dinner - beef tips with noodles, zucchini, mixed vegetables and mandarin oranges. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night, 6:30 p.m. Housing Commission Board Meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Lunch - beef baked ziti, peas, corn, and peaches. Birthday Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, brussels sprouts, pears and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 2 p.m. pool league, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. white elephant sale, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner and discussion with the director.

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Lunch - baked pork chops, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli and applesauce. Dinner - stuffed cabbage, boiled potatoes, spinach and oranges and grapefruit. 8:30 a.m. out to lunch - Traverse City, 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 89 complaints the week of Nov. 26 - Dec. 2:

One suicide, one missing person, 22 general non-criminal complaints, four false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary-forced entry-residence, one larceny, one fraudulent activity, four public peace/disorderlies, seven health and safeties, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, 26 traffic accidents, one traffic violation-civil infraction, one traffic safety public appearance, four inspections/investigations-property, two inspections/investigations-family, eight suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

OBITUARIES

Guy S. Kellogg

May 1, 1923 - Nov. 30, 2007

Guy Samuel Kellogg returned home, and to his beloved wife and best friend Susie, on November 30, 2007.

He had been residing at the Masonic Pathways in Alma, after living in the Battle Creek area since the late fifties.

He was born in Lovells Township in Crawford County, on May 1, 1923, the youngest of the 17 children of James Edward and Bessie (Hyslop) Kellogg.

He attended the Kellogg School and graduated from Frederic High School in 1941, where he met his future wife, Doris (Susie) Leng of Frederic. They celebrated 61 years of wedded joy before her death in 2006.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He served in England, North Africa, Tunisia and Sicily for the duration. Obtaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, he was a Crew Chief of a B-17 Fighting Fortress group.

After attending Ferris State College, he was employed for over 30 years at United Steel and Wire Company in Battle Creek, as their Tool and Die Designer, retiring in 1984.

He was a Past Master and lifetime member of Bedford Masonic Lodge, F & A M, and a member of Bedford O.E.S.

He was also a member of Westlake Presbyterian Church, where he devoted hours of pleasurable work on the stained glass project.

He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl (Frank) Dadam of Green Bay, Allyn (Eric) Schwarzkopf of East Lansing; grandchildren: Scott and Lora Dadam, Zack Schwarzkopf, Emily Schwarzkopf; great-grandchildren, Elijah and Jairus Dadam.

A grave side service will be performed in the spring at the Lovells Township cemetery. At that time family and friends will gather to honor the memory of this most kind and compassionate gentleman at the treasured family home on the North Branch of the AuSable River.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sorensonlockwood.com. Memorials may be made to The Masonic Pathways of Michigan, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI, 48801, or the Lovells Historic Society, 7208 Key Phyne Trail, Grayling, MI, 49738.

A devoted husband and father, his humor and quiet grace will be celebrated and cherished by his family.

Thomas R. Stancil

Thomas R. Stancil, 92, of Grayling, passed away on December 3, 2007. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on December 10, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., with a Masonic memorial service at 7 p.m. A full obituary will appear in the next edition of the Avalanche. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Eileen K. Zech

July 20, 1914 - Dec. 2, 2007

Eileen Katherine Zech, 93, of Grayling, passed away at the Medilodge of St. Clair, on December 2, 2007.

She was born in Detroit, on July 20, 1914, to the late Herman and Olga (Winkler) Krenz.

She married Virgil Zech on April 17, 1935, in Detroit, where they made their home until moving to Grayling in 1969. He preceded her in death in 1994.

She worked for Sears in her early years and then later for the Ben Franklin stores.

She was an avid reader, loved gardening and baking, and was known for her chocolate chip cookies. She was a loving and caring person, who enjoyed parties and playing cards with her friends. She will be deeply missed by the many who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her son, Jon and daughter-in-law, LaRue; sister, Eleanor Retz; grandchildren, Frank Knebler, Jennifer (Lehman) Pyeatt; great-grandson, Evan; and nephews, Michael and Robert.

A funeral service was held at Faulmann and Walsh Golden Rule Funeral Home, Fraser, on December 5.

Interment will be at Roseland Park Cemetery, Thursday, December 6, at 10 a.m.

Condolences may be sent to www.faulmannwalsh.com.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Arrangements made by Faulmann and Walsh Golden Rule Funeral Home, Fraser.

Edward A. Duncan

Jan. 12, 1920 - Nov. 30, 2007

Edward A. Duncan, 87, passed away at Hill Top Manor in Roscommon, on November 30, 2007.

He was born in Chicago, on January 12, 1920, to the late Adolph and Olive (Hanay) Duncan.

He married Neta Odum on September 22, 1989, in Brooksville, Fla.

He was a WWII veteran and served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945. He was a carpenter and a member of the Chicago Carpenters Union.

He is survived by his wife, Neta; children: Warren (Jean) Duncan of Ariz., Glenda Jacobs of Grayling, Kenneth (Carol) Briggs of Roscommon, Karen (David) Maxwell of St. Clair Shores, Gerald (Doreen) Briggs of Bay City; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; sister, June Smith of Ill.; and brother, LeRoy (Maryanne) Duncan of Calif.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandson, Tyler Duncan.

Cremation has taken place and a private family inurnment will be held at a later date in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights, Ill. Arrangements made by Ambrose Funeral Home, Bay City.

Norman Lavrack

April 14, 1929 - Nov. 27, 2007

Norman Lavrack, 78, of Grayling, passed away on November 27, 2007.

He was born in Bay City, on April 14, 1929, to the late Charles and Lucille (Sherman) Lavrack.

He married Wanda Yankee on January 22, 1949.

He retired from Scheer Motors in Grayling.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was a member of Heritage Baptist Church in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife Wanda, of 58 years; children: Janice (Rick) VanderWilt of Grant, Wayne (Susan) Lavrack of N.C., Randy (Yvonne) Lavrack of Texas, nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers: Linford (Maxine) Lavrack, Lyle (Betty) Lavrack, Ellis (Mary) Lavrack, Merlin (Marcia) Lavrack; sister, Verna (Larry) Durfee; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on November 30, at the First Baptist Church of Auburn, with Pastor Ernie Wagner officiating. Interment was at Floral Gardens Cemetery.

Arrangements made by Rivertown Funeral Chapel, Kawkawlin.

Card of Thanks

The family of Dale A. Czuba wishes to say thanks to so many people who made the memorial gathering for Dale a rewarding and heartfelt tribute.

Special thanks goes to those people who provided food, assisted with clean-up and other contributions: Beverly Halliday and her daughters Karen and Gerrie, Donna Hubbard, Sandy Jorae, Sharon Jewell, Barb Durga and the Palmer family. Your loving support is greatly appreciated.

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D.J. Brown (left), president of the Grayling Promotional Association, presents April Bertram (right) a plaque honoring her as the GPA Member of the Year for 2007. Bertram has chaired the GPA Festival of Trees for two years and has been a hard working supporter of many other GPA events.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for November 2007

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Shawn Patrick Sullivan, age 37 of Grayling - Pled guilty on Oct. 1, 2007, to controlled substance delivery schedule one, two, three;

sentenced on Nov. 5, 2007, to serve one year and six months to 14 years in prison; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Brian Eugene Green, age 48 of Johannesburg - Pled guilty on Oct. 15, 2007, to malicious destruction of property \$1,000 - \$20,000; sentenced on Nov. 19, 2007, to serve 120 days in jail with credit for 28 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$300 penal fine; placed on probation for 12 months.

Robert Lowell Townsend, age 45 of Petoskey - Pled guilty on Nov. 19, 2007, to non-support disorderly person; sentenced on Nov. 19, 2007, to serve 50 days in jail with credit for 50 days served; ordered to pay \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee and \$15 circuit court costs; placed on probation for 36 months.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Levi Thomas Hadd, age 27 of Gaylord - Pled no contest on Oct. 4, 2007, to home invasion-third degree; sentenced on Nov. 8, 2007, to serve 120 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$1,156 restitution and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 24 months.

Amy Elaine Freeman-Jenkins, age 51 of Grayling - Pled guilty on Nov. 8, 2007, to controlled substance use of marijuana; ordered on Nov. 14, 2007, to pay \$315 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$50 crime victim rights fee and \$45 state minimum costs and \$350 attorney fee.

costs; placed on probation for six months.

Robert Timothy Randles, age 28 of Detroit - Pled guilty on Oct. 15, 2007, to obstruction of justice and assault-weapon; sentenced on Nov. 19, 2007, to serve one year and six months to seven years and six months in prison with credit for 97 days served for count one and one year and six months to six years in prison with credit for 97 days served for count two; ordered to pay \$120 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Shaunel Delaro Clark, age 27 of Battle Creek - Pled guilty on Oct. 15, 2007, to substance delivery/manufacture marijuana; controlled substance-second or subsequent offense-double penalty; sentenced on Nov. 19, 2007, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 99 days served; ordered to pay \$30 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

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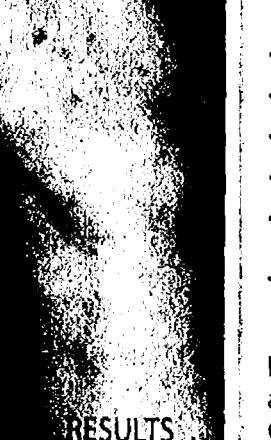


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Holiday concerts benefit Chamber



Photo courtesy of Doug Meroney

About 40 people attended benefit concerts for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce held on Saturday at Flowers By Josie/Thanks A Latte. Above, A.J. Cargo and Dr. Bill Cargo, from the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, sing gospel and Christmas songs to the audience.

Camp Grayling receives funding for battle course

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The range will be 4,000 meters long, requiring platoons to go through various scenarios, growing in complexity, as they go through the course.

"The bigger the range, the more complex, the more the soldiers love it," said Col. Dean Brown, the commander for Camp Grayling.

All targets will be fully auto-

mated, and commanders of the units training on the course will be able to request specific computer driven scenarios for their troops.

"By the time they get to the end, they will be able to grade the platoon on their tactics," said Maj. Bernie Peters, the range operations officer for Camp Grayling.

Commanders, returning from the battlefield in Iraq and Afghanistan, will provide feedback for the training scenarios as troops prepare for future deployments for the global war on terrorism.

"They bring back their real world, practical, combat experience to help train these troops for what they will see," Brown said.

Training for combat as a full platoon is one of the requirements troops must complete before they deploy for a mission.

Lt. Col. James Gardner, the

director of operations for Camp Grayling, said units will be able to do some training closer to home, before deployment, once the battle course is up and running.

"They want their units doing this training in their home states, so this will help with that," Gardner said.

The infantry platoon battle course will be built on a range formerly used for tank training.

"There will be little impact on the environment and the terrain because there isn't much change at all," Gardner said.

While the entire military is facing funding issues, Brown said that the range will allow Camp Grayling to retain current range operations staff. The range is expected to be utilized by National Guard and Marine Corps units based in the Midwest. The course will also be used by civilian police depart-

ments for Homeland Security training.

"It certainly builds a strong case for potential growth," Brown said.

Planning is currently taking place for the battle course. Construction is expected to start in the spring and will take about a year, since work will have to be balanced with training scheduled at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex.

Brown credited U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, (D-Michigan), the chairman of the Senate's armed services committee, with securing the funding for the battle course. The battle course was not scheduled to be funded under Camp Grayling's long-range plans until 2012.

"We've been able to make him aware of some of the challenges we are facing," Brown said. "We can't wait four years for this. We need it now."

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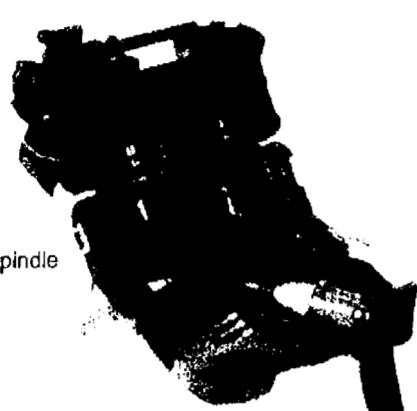
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Chamber holds open house

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The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors and Ambassadors Club held a Holiday Open House on Friday. The chamber offices were recently remodeled in conjunction with a roofing project for the building. Left, Kay Osowski, the health and life insurance agent for Cornell Insurance Agency, Kim Millikin, the interim director for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Kathy Thomas, the chamber's office manager, and Mary Ann Ferrigan, the owner of Crawford County Title Agency, visit during the open house.

Tri-Lakes names associate of the year

Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association has named their 2007 Associate of the Year,

Tracy Smith, of The Building Center on the north shore of Houghton Lake. She has been

the sales associate of the flooring department with The Building Center for over two years.

Smith is on the Tri-Lakes Board of Directors as secretary and on the public relations committee. She is an active member helping with anything that comes along, such as the golf outing, car show, dunk tank and

membership drive.

Community involvement is important to Smith. She belongs to the American Business Women's Association, the Houghton Lake Merchant's Association, is involved with Tip-Up-Town, and was Tip-Up-Town Queen in 1999. She also helps out when needed at the Springbrook Inn.

MILITARY NEWS

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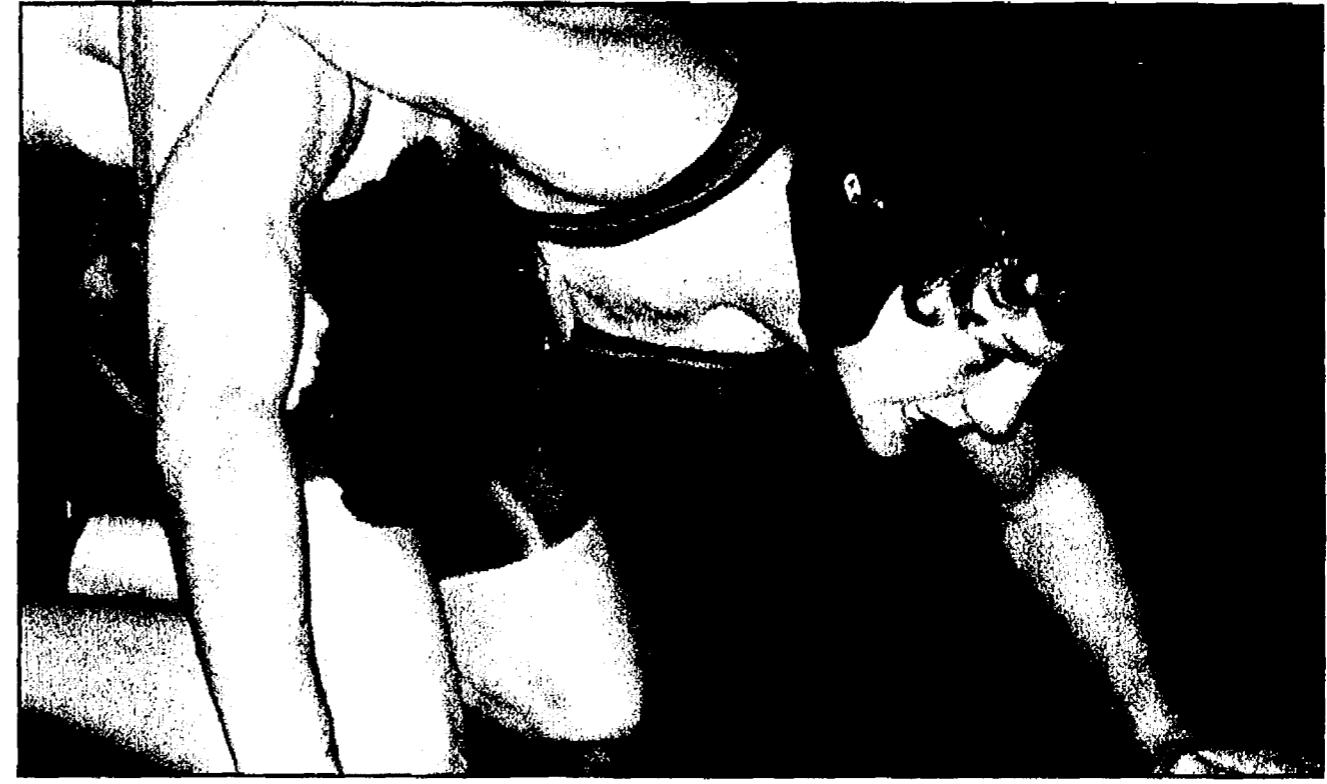
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Eric Madill (189), left, and Tyler Brigham (119), right, wrestle against Gaylord during last Thursday's three-team meet at Gaylord High School.

## Wrestling squad opens season with split at three-team Gaylord meet

■ Vikings defeat Whittemore Prescott but fall to Gaylord on Thursday night

The Grayling Vikings defeated the Whittemore Prescott

Cardinals but lost to the Gaylord Blue Devils in a varsity wrestling meet – Grayling's first of the 2007-2008 season – at Gaylord High School last Thursday.

Grayling wrestled against

Whittemore Prescott in the first match of the non-conference meet.

Shane Grove (171) pinned his opponent in the third round. Eric Madill (189) won by pin in the first round. Joey Contreras

(215) won a 12-9 decision for three team points, giving Grayling a 15-0 lead. (Pins are worth six points.)

Whittemore Prescott won the heavyweight division with a 19-6 decision. The Cardinals won

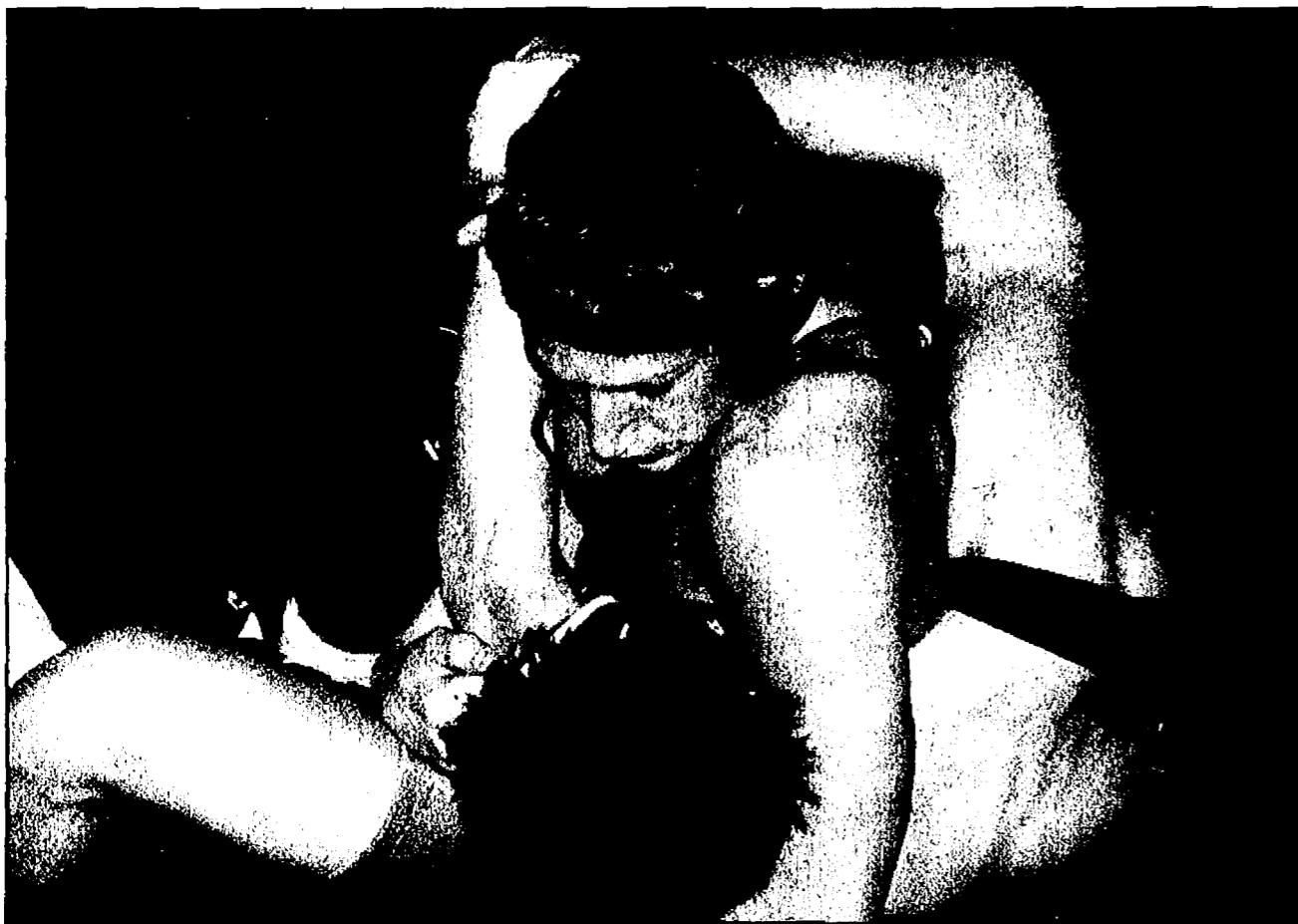
the 103-pound weight class with a pin.

Joe White (112) and Tyler Brigham (119) both won by default. Daniel Duvall (125) and Josh Mogg (130) pinned their Whittemore Prescott

opponents in the second round. Grayling led 39-10.

In the 135-pound match, Grayling lost a team point due to an unsportsmanlike conduct

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Cody Collen (145), left, and Shane Grove (171), right, battle opponents from Whittemore Prescott on Thursday, Nov. 29, at Gaylord High School.

## Vikings fall to Bucks in girls basketball opener

■ Roscommon defeats Grayling 60-45 in last Tuesday's varsity game at GHS

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball squad opened its 2007-2008 season with a 60-45 loss to the Roscommon Bucks last Tuesday at GHS.

Roscommon led 15-5 after one quarter. The Bucks had a 33-20 advantage at halftime. The Vikings trailed by 10, 46-36, going into the fourth period. Roscommon finished with a 15-point win, outscoring Grayling 14-9 in the final eight minutes of regulation.

"Roscommon took a 13-1 point lead within the first few minutes, but our girls never gave up," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "We fought back to within eight points by outscoring them in the third quarter. I was impressed with how competitive we played. This team does not give up and will fight until the final buzzer."

Laura Boylan had 12 points, 9 rebounds, and 7 blocks for GHS.

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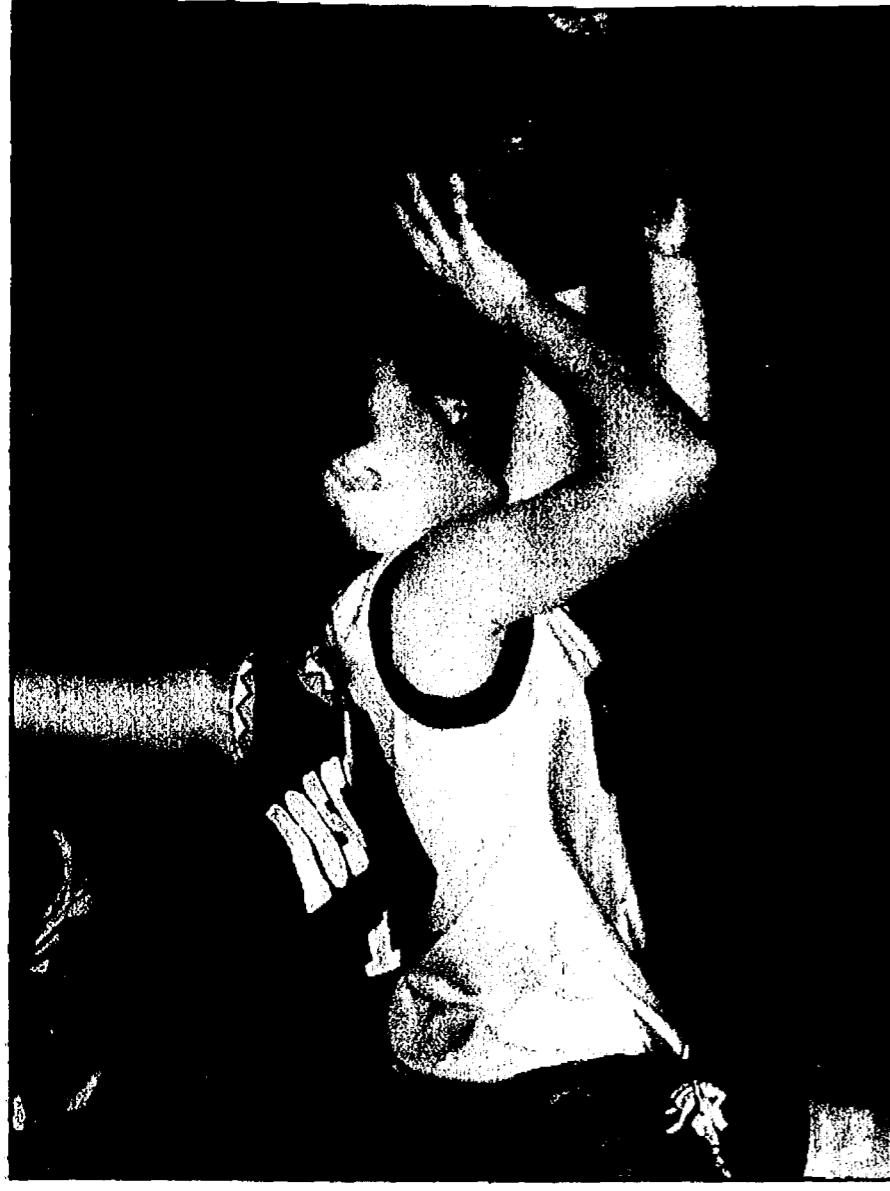
Alyssa Lewis shoots for the Vikings during their season opener vs. Roscommon on Tuesday.

## Green vs. White Game pits Vikings against Vikings



Ryan Foguth, left, and Jason Drudge, right, dive for a loose ball during last Friday's Green vs. White Game, an exhibition contest that featured varsity players competing in an intrasquad match last Friday at GHS. For more on the event, see Page 5B.





Photos by Caleb Casey

Mackenzie Harwood, left, drives to the basket for Grayling during last Tuesday's season opener vs. the Roscommon Bucks. Lindsey Argue, right, shoots the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday.

## JV girls basketball team falls to Roscommon, Gaylord

The Roscommon Bucks outscored the Grayling Vikings 31-17 in the second half of last Tuesday's JV girls basketball game at Grayling High School and defeated GHS by a final score of 51-32.

Grayling trailed by five points (20-15) at halftime, but the Bucks had a 17-point lead (37-20) after three quarters. Roscommon won by 19 points.

Mackenzie Harwood had 13 points for the Vikings. Jessica Zarnick and Kirstie Wakeley each had 5 points. Jennifer Denton had 9 rebounds and 4 steals.

"The girls showed a lot of tenacity and effort during the game. Defensively we worked hard and made a lot of good plays, but made some basic errors that allowed Roscommon to score some easy baskets. We also struggled against the press in the third quarter, which allowed the Bucks to gain a lead by scoring 17 points in that quarter. Our downfall was 32 turnovers and foul trouble, which gave the Bucks a lot of extra opportunities to score," Coach Craig Hofman said.

On Friday, the Vikings lost a road game at Gaylord by a final score of 50-29.

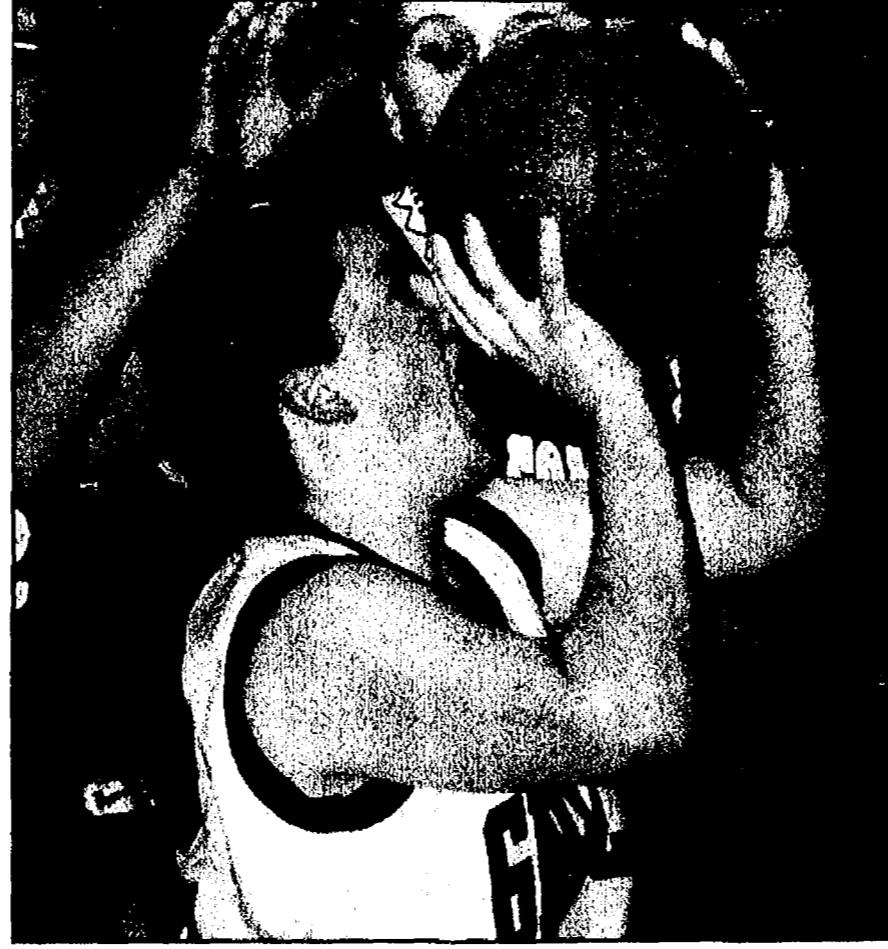
Harwood (6 points), Wakeley (6), Katie Lange (4), and Selina Anglemeyer (4) were Grayling's leading scorers.

"We had a rough start. Lots of mental errors, which gave them an early lead. We are not a great offensive team and can't afford to get behind early," Coach Hofman said.

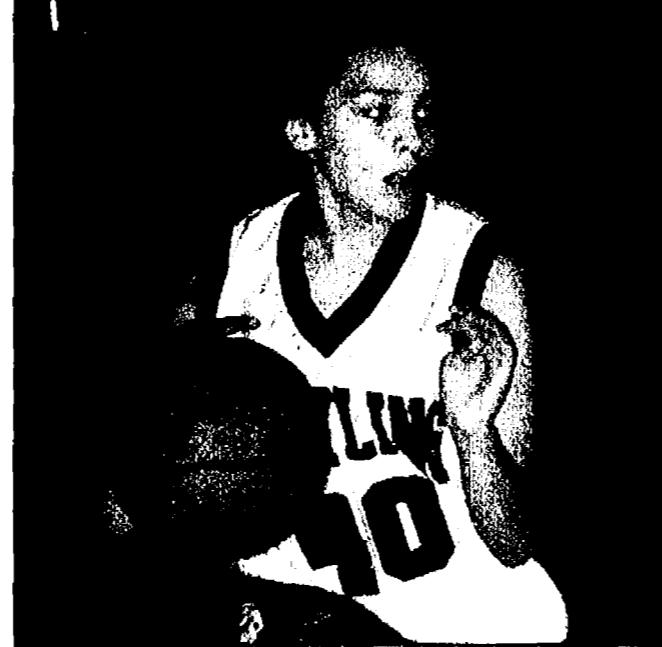
"The girls improved on their composure and we had a lot fewer turnovers and fouls. Kirstie Wakeley and Mackenzie (Harwood) put in a tough effort all night long. Jessica Zarnick was very steady throughout the game and also had a very good defensive effort. Katie Lange moved well on offense and had a lot of open shots, but unfortunately her and the rest of the team are struggling with their outside shooting."

"The girls are working hard and we see improvement in small steps. We need to make sure that we improve each game no matter what the score is," Coach Hofman said.

The Vikings play at Boyne City on Friday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m.



Jessica Zarnick, left, controls the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday. Kirstie Wakeley, right, takes an inside shot for the Vikings vs. Roscommon.



Selina Anglemeyer, left, and Teresa Schreiber, right, dribble the ball for Grayling.

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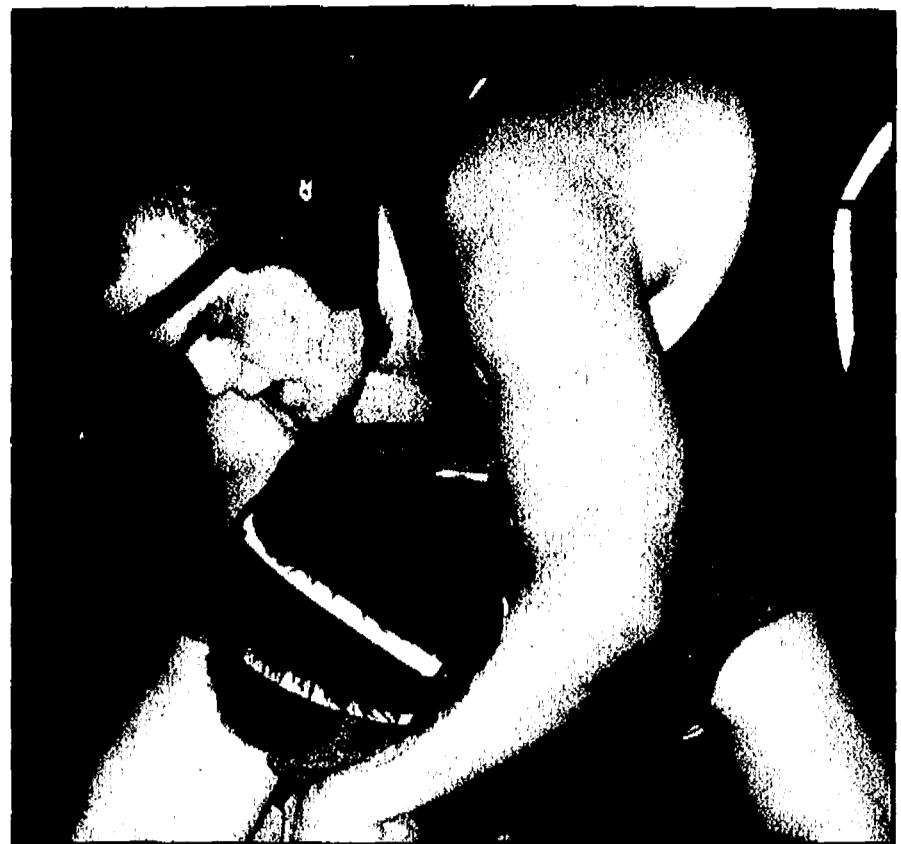
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Kyle Peters (heavyweight) wrestles against Whittemore Prescott on Thursday night at Gaylord.



Jon George battles a Gaylord opponent in the 160-pound weight class on Thursday.

## Wrestling squad opens season with split at three-team Gaylord meet

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penalty and Whittemore Prescott won the match 15-0.

The Vikings won the last four matches. Stephen Grove (140) scored a first round pin, Cody Collen (145) pinned his opponent in the third round, Michael

Revord (152) won by pin in the first round, and Jon George (160) won his bout with a pin in the second round.

Grayling defeated Whittemore Prescott by a final score of 62-15.

In the second matchup of the

night, Gaylord won 67-4 vs. Whittemore Prescott.

Grayling then wrestled against Gaylord. The Blue Devils won the battle by a final score of 69-12.

The Vikings won two weight classes. Brigham (119) pinned

his Gaylord counterpart in the second round. Madill (189) also won with a second round pin.

The Vikings will wrestle at Boyne City on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. Grayling will compete in the Manton Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 8.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Daniel Duvall (125), left, competes against the Gaylord Blue Devils. Josh Moggo (130), right, wrestles in last week's meet against Whittemore Prescott.



Joey Contreras (215), left, grapples with a Whittemore Prescott wrestler on Thursday night. Ashton Linkhart (103), right, wrestles vs. Gaylord.

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Stephen Grove (140) wrestles against Gaylord on Thursday.

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Zach Wolcott (135) grapples with an opponent from Gaylord.

## Green vs. White Game pits Vikings against Vikings



Photo by Caleb Casey  
Jacob Aubry, left, tries to pass the ball to a teammate while Eric Ferrigan, right, plays defense during last Friday's Green vs. White Game at Grayling High School. The event included two exhibition games for parents of the three GHS boys basketball teams - one contest pitting the JV squad against the freshman team and one match featuring varsity players vs. varsity players. The Vikings begin their 2007-2008 regular seasons this week.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation League

T & T Fishing ..... 36 - 16

GMH-NCC ..... 35 - 17

Robin L. Smith CPA ..... 28 - 24

Days Inn ..... 28 - 24

Glen's Market ..... 25 - 27

Woody Girls ..... 23 - 29

American Legion ..... 22 - 30

Grayling Nurs.Center ..... 11 - 41

High Series: M. Starks, 541; S.

Noeske, 515; B. Wheeler, 513.

High Game: M. Starks, 206; L.

Seibert, 191; J. Brown, 190.

### American Men's League

Derwich Ind ..... 33 - 9

GADCO ..... 29 - 13

West Side Diner ..... 24 - 18

Dragon Repair ..... 20 - 22

Fenton's Auto Serv. .... 19 - 23

Otsego Lake Service ..... 16 - 26

Moore's Auto ..... 16 - 26

McLean's ACE ..... 11 - 31

High Series: Larry Davis, 679; T.

Sheldon, 662; J. Arwood, 619.

High Game: T. Sheldon, 258; T.

Kotash, 241; B. Johnson, 239.

### Pioneer League

Grayling Rest ..... 30.5 - 17.5

McDonald's ..... 29 - 19

Eagles Nest Sports. .... 24.5 - 23.5

Johnson Const ..... 24 - 24

Tim's Collision. .... 22 - 26

T.C. Lawncare. .... 22 - 26

"5" B's. .... 22 - 26

Spicy Bob's ..... 18 - 30

High Series: T. Rock, 558; N.

Glasslee, 525; J. Cousins, 518.

High Game: T. Rock, 243; C.

Osborne, 220; J. Cousins, 203.

### Grayling Youth Peewees

Fearsome Four ..... 13 - 5

The B' E's. .... 11 - 7

Sparky ..... 10 - 8

Team 4 ..... 9 - 9

Strikers ..... 8 - 10

Soldier Girls ..... 8 - 10

Team 8 ..... 8 - 10

Legion Legends ..... 5 - 13

High Series Boys: D.

Richardson, 191; K. Bonamie

and B. Bickford, 138. High

Game Boys: D. Richardson, 99;

C. Brill and B. Bickford, 72.

High Series Girls: S. Devriendt,

191; S. Metiva, 190; C.

Bonamie, 180. High Game Girls:

S. Devriendt, 111; S. Metiva,

108; C. Bonamie, 105.

### Grayling Youth Juniors

Strikers ..... 15.5 - 2.5

Gutter Girls ..... 13 - 5

Strikers ..... 12 - 6

Legion Ladies ..... 10 - 8

Pin Heads ..... 8 - 10

Three Strikes ..... 6.5 - 11.5

High Series Boys: E. Connoy,

210; W. Corbin, 205; A. Brill,

203. High Game Boys: T.

Vandecasteele and A. Brill, 115;

W. Corbin, 107. High Series

Girls: S. Krayes, 210; N.

Woodley, 184; M. Malm, 180.

High Game Girls: K. Vierling,

117; S. Krayes, 112.

### Sunday Mixed Doubles

Spike's #1 ..... 60 - 24

Gray Rock Cafe ..... 50.5 - 33.5

Four Amigos ..... 48.5 - 35.5

Bi-Polar Bowlers ..... 47 - 37

Farm Bureau ..... 46 - 38

Spike's #2 ..... 42 - 42

Grayling Rest. #2 ..... 32 - 52

High Series Men: M. Cottrell,

576; R. Strohpaul, 532; K. Slater,

512. High Game Men: M.

Cottrell, 243; R. Strohpaul, 199;

K. Slater, 189. High Series

Women: L. Mead, 449; E. Slater,

443; S. Sloan, 440. High Game

Women: T. Rock, 199; S. Sloan,

189; L. Mead, 172.

### National First

Pittman Bld. ..... 58 - 26

Corky's Karaoke ..... 58 - 26

Faustman Insurance ..... 46 - 38

Spikes ..... 45 - 39

Medicine Shoppe ..... 41 - 43

Continental Rental ..... 34 - 50

Upper Lakes ..... 29 - 55

Legion Lanes ..... 25 - 59

High Series: J. Helsel, 677; C.

Brill, 643; D. Lawe, 637. High

Game: P. Benardo St., 256; J.

Helsel, 237 and 235.

### Senior Bowling

Gaylord Electric ..... 36 - 16

Grayling Pharmacy ..... 35 - 17

Flowers By Josie ..... 30 - 22

Kicking Grass ..... 28 - 24

Sylvester's Sports ..... 22 - 30

Spike's ..... 22 - 30

Bear's Den Pizza ..... 21 - 31

Lone Pine ..... 14 - 38

High Series Men: L. Crampton,

547; K. Harris, 531; B. Hollis,

521. High Game Men: B. Hollis,

521. High Game Women: M.

Crampton, 195; K. Harris, 186. High Series Women: C. Clark, 507; D. Doremire, 473; N. Glasslee, 454. High Game Women: C. Clark, 191; D. Doremire, 178; H. Stairs, 174.

### Grayling Youth Seniors

Team 2 ..... 12 - 4

Team 3 ..... 9 - 7

Team 1 ..... 8 - 4

Team 5 ..... 6 - 2

Team 4 ..... 5 - 11

High Series Boys: M. Hellebuyck, 467; K. Harris, 421; K. Hahn, 389. High Game Boys: M. Hellebuyck, 194; K. Harris, 183; K. Hahn, 151. High Series Girls: K. Harris, 397; A. Peck, 376; L. Johnson, 367. High Game Girls: K. Harris, 152; E. Minnick, 137; A. Peck, 136.

### Thursday Morning Coffee

Ladybugs ..... 21 - 11

Goofballs ..... 18.5 - 13.5

Snow Tops ..... 18 - 14

Casino Bums ..... 18 - 14

Bill's Harem ..... 16 - 16

K.I.P. ..... 15 - 17

R.E.M. ..... 11 - 21

Chatty Three ..... 10.5 - 21.5

High Series Men: B. Holton,

613; M. Brown, 501; B. Hollis,

488. High Game Men: B. Holton, 233; B. Hollis, 207; M.

Brown, 182. High Series

Women: N. Glasslee, 508; H.

Stairs, 497; P. Harris, 470. High

Game Women: N. Glasslee, 180;

H. Stairs, 177; P. Harris, 175.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Miller Spillers ..... 56 - 35

MMR ..... 52 - 39

L&L Hauling ..... 51 - 40

Bucket Brigade ..... 49 - 42

Last Call ..... 45 - 46

Forget About It ..... 40 - 51

American Legion ..... 36 - 55

Great Lakes Roofing ..... 35 - 56

High Series Men: J. Lehman,

661; D. Wallace, 649; D.

Canfield, 586. High Game Men:

J. Lehman, 255; D. Canfield,

226; D. Wallace, 224. High

Series Women: M. Starks, 563;

S. Johnson, 503; J. Dent,

# 2007-2008 FOOTBALL CONTEST

## PLAY 2 WIN

### WEEKLY PRIZES

Sports Cap - Scheer Motors  
50% off 20 lbs. Propane Cylinder Fill Up - Fick & Sons  
\$50 - Crawford County Avalanche  
Free Express Pizza - Spicy Bob's  
50% off any Concrete Table - HMI Specialties  
Free Bowling Gift Certificate - American Legion  
\$25 Gift Certificate - Comfort Center

### Week 13 Winner:

**Mike D'Amour**  
with 11 correct

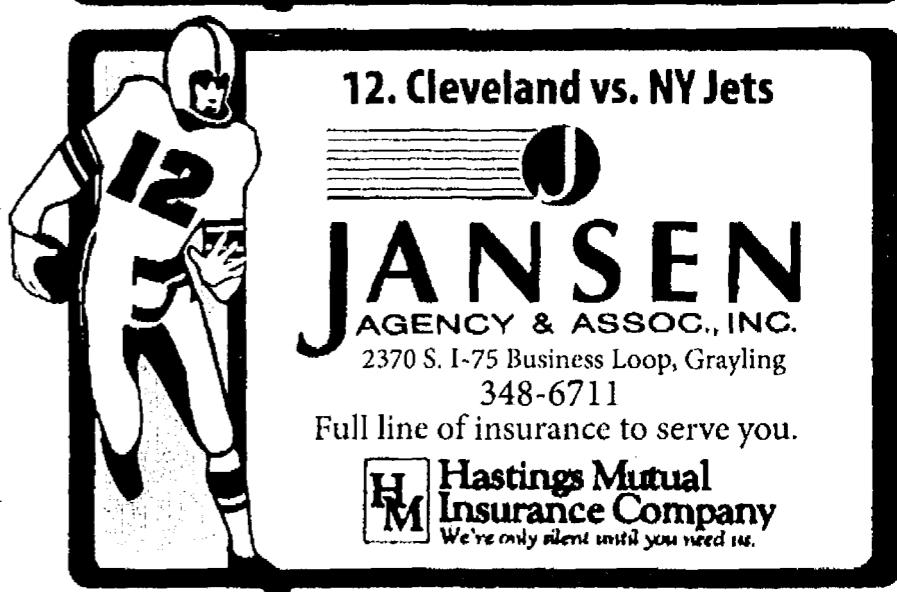
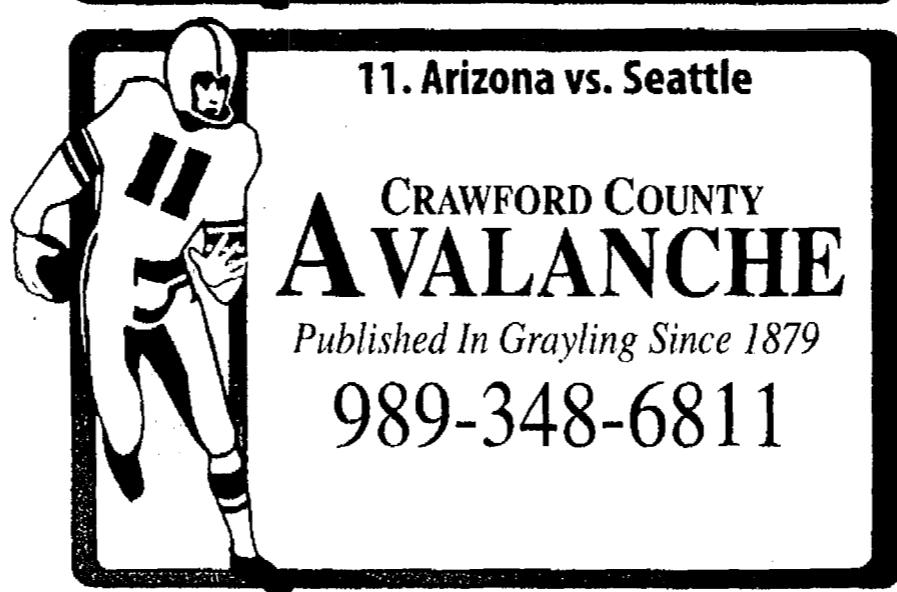
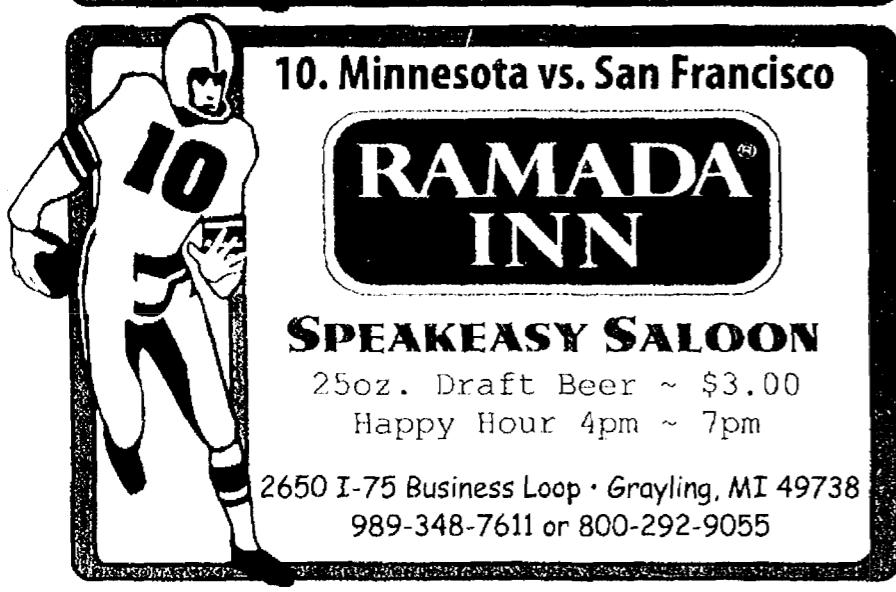
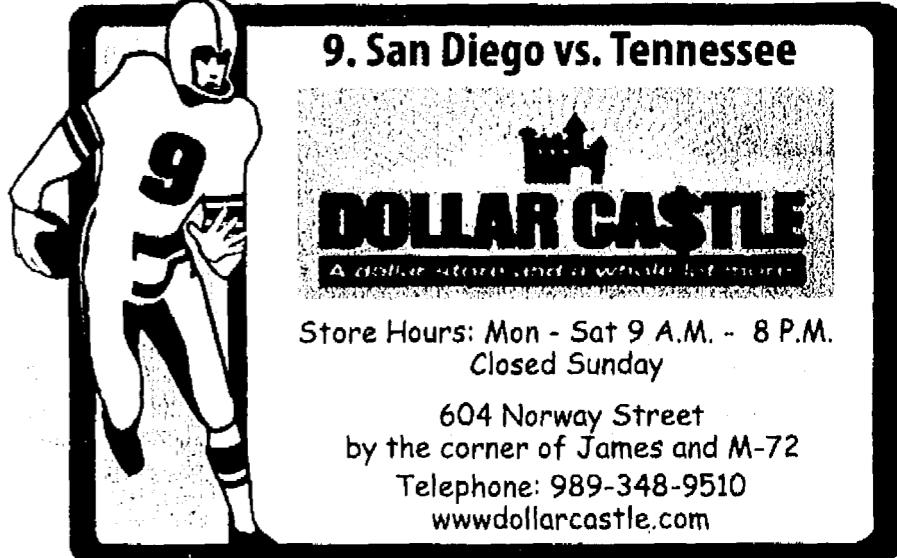
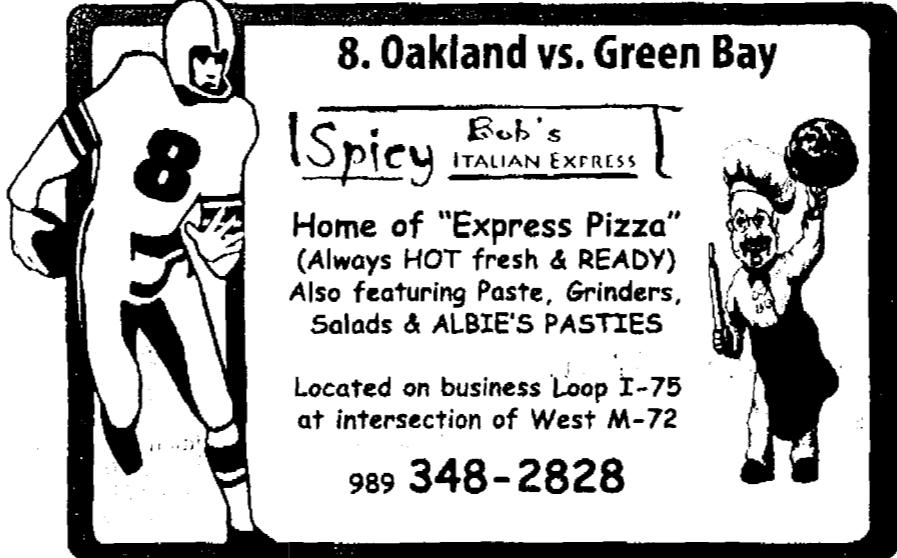
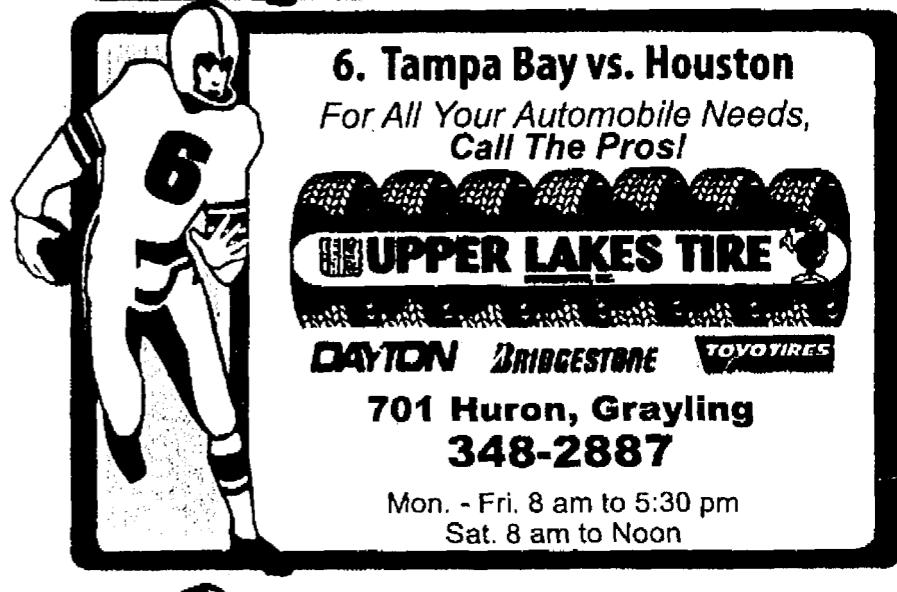
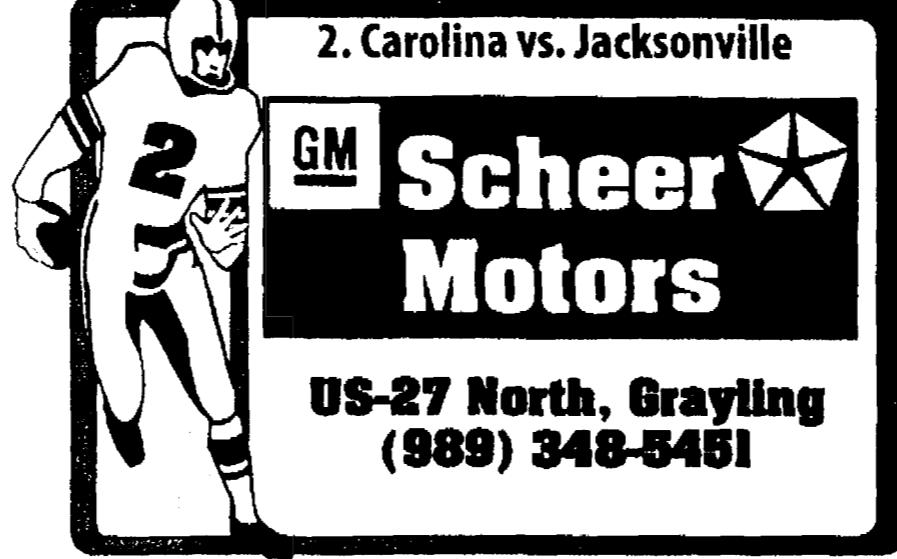
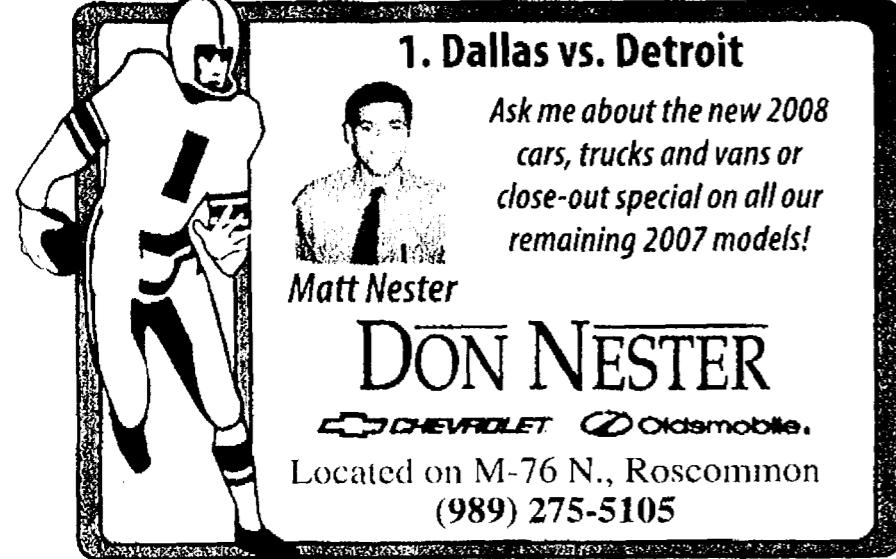
### Week 13 Winning Games

1. Minnesota
2. San Diego
3. Tennessee
4. Indianapolis
5. Buffalo
6. Carolina
7. NY Jets
8. St. Louis

Tie Breaker 1 - 52

Tie Breaker 2 - 52

Tie Breaker 3 - 37



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: Advertiser MUST be written in next to team or slip will be VOID!!**  
Winner Advertiser

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Game 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Game 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Game 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Game 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Tiebreaker 2 Game #9 \_\_\_\_\_

Tiebreaker 3 Game #12 \_\_\_\_\_

**Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules**  
(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.



## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard G. Kennedy and Patricia J. Kennedy, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2003, and recorded on February 14, 2003 in Liber 620 on Page 99, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Household Finance Corporation III as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight And 69/100 Dollars (\$132,458.69), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 45: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence South 40 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence North 40 degrees 12 minutes West 488.7 feet; thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 1020.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds East along 1/8 line 385.25 feet; thence South 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West along Section line 1320.17 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10 and part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 22, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC H 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #172626F01

-22-29-6-13

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH M. SMITH, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2005, and recorded on August 19, 2005, in Liber 676, on Page 910, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$152,900.89), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 2; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North Section line, 969.18 feet (Recorded as 967.55 feet) to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, 352.87 feet (Recorded as 353.65 feet) to the West one-eighth of said Section; thence along said West one-eighth line, South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 46.19 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 333.64 feet; thence North 8 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West, 176.11 feet to the Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail; thence 185.92 feet along said Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail on the arc of a 238.38 foot radius curve to the left, said curve having a chord of North 42 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West 181.25 feet; thence 82.05 feet along said Easterly right of way on the arc of a 75.00 foot radius curve to the right, said

curve having a long chord of North 32 degrees 58 minutes 35 seconds West, 78.02 feet; thence along said Easterly right of way North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, 124.91 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, 48.91 feet to the North line of said Section 2 and the point of beginning. Subject to and together with a 24 foot wide ingress and egress easement lying 12 feet on each side of, parallel with, and adjacent to a centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North line of said Section, 969.17 feet to the East line of Chickasaw Trail as shown on the Plat of Indian Woods, as Recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records; thence South 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds East, along the East line of Chickasaw Trail, 170.59 feet to the point of beginning of centerline of said 24 foot easement; thence 73.43 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 200.00 feet, delta angle of 21 degrees 02 minutes 11 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 44 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds East 73.00 feet; thence 104.76 feet along the arc of a reverse curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 253.22 feet, delta angle of 23 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 42 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East 104.01 feet to a point on the East line of Chickasaw Trail and the point of ending of centerline of said 24 foot easement the side lines of the described 24 foot wide easement are to be lengthened or shortened as necessary to commence and terminate on the East line of the platted Chickasaw Trail.

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

-6-13-20-27

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elmer Curns, Jr., a single man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 9, 2005 and recorded December 14, 2005 in Liber 678, on Page 986, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six and 67/100 Dollars (\$102,456.67) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 2; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, 352.87 feet (Recorded as 353.65 feet) to the West one-eighth of said Section; thence along said West one-eighth line, South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 46.19 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 333.64 feet; thence North 8 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West, 176.11 feet to the Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail; thence 185.92 feet along said Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail on the arc of a 238.38 foot radius curve to the left, said curve having a chord of North 42 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West 181.25 feet; thence 82.05 feet along said Easterly right of way on the arc of a 75.00 foot radius curve to the right, said

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michele Moshier, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2007, and recorded on May 29, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 61, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine And 80/100 Dollars (\$111,849.80), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 19, of Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 6, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #174898F01

-6-13-20-27

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Floyd P. Farnsworth, II and Erika L. Farnsworth, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a

-6-13-20-27

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case# PB070223 Requesting Variance of 140'± to add living space at rear of existing home, away from river, condition of purchase.

Petitioner: Edward & Mary Caroline Proctor, Jr. (Purchaser)  
420 Warren Court  
Birmingham, MI 48009

The above case refers to the following described property:

3436 Fornell Road.  
Roscommon, MI 48653

Legal Desc: PARCEL A-60

Township: South Branch  
Property Code: 063-020-007-020-01  
Zoning District: RDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department  
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building  
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7350-DE

Estate of Marjorie K. Messier

Date of birth: 11/23/1925

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marjorie K. Messier, who lived at 8045 Summit, Grayling, Michigan died 4/22/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Max C. Tobin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11-30-07

Everette E. Ayers III

306 State St.

P.O. Box 708

Grayling, MI 49738

989-348-6141

Max C. Tobin

8045 Summit

Grayling, MI 49738

989-348-5535

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### Notice To All Dog Owners

#### 2008 Dog Licenses Are Available November 1st

Fees Are \$15.00 for Male and Female Dogs  
And \$8.00 For Spayed Or Neutered Dogs

You must have a rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian and proof of spaying or neutering.

If the rabies vaccination expires within 30 days you cannot purchase a license. If the rabies vaccination expires during the year the license is no longer valid.

Dog Licenses may be purchased from:

Beaver Creek Township Hall  
Frederic Township Hall  
South Branch Township Hall  
Crawford County Treasurer's Office  
Grayling Hospital for Animals  
Roscommon Veterinary Office  
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter  
Crawford County Animal Control Officer

#### BEGINNING MARCH 1ST LICENSES ARE CONSIDERED DELINQUENT AND WILL COST \$25.00

After March 1st, licenses will only be available from:

Crawford County Treasurer's Office  
Grayling Hospital for Animals  
Roscommon Veterinary Office  
Crawford County Animal Control Officer  
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter  
Crawford County Treasurer's Office  
200 W Michigan Ave  
Grayling MI 49738

Gail Foguth  
Crawford City Animal Control Officer  
Crawford City Treas. (989)  
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# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

STEPHEN J. HAIGHT AND  
TAMMY MARIE HAIGHT

PLAINTIFFS,  
VS

FILE NO. 07 7352 CK (M)

DAWN MARIE MITCHELL;  
STATE OF MICHIGAN - DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; AND CHASE BANKCARD SERVICES, INC.

DEFENDANT

David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
115 E. Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5588

Dawn Marie Mitchell  
Defendant  
6356 Hartwick Pines Road  
Grayling, MI 49738

Bradley K. Morton  
Assistant Attorney General  
Revenue & Collections Division  
Attorney for State of Michigan  
Department of Treasury  
P.O. Box 30754  
Lansing, MI 48909  
517-373-3203

Chase Bankcard Services, Inc.  
Defendant  
The Corporation Company  
30600 Telegraph Road  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025

### AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that by virtue of a Foreclosure Judgement filed November 8, 2007, directing the sale of the following described property or so much as may be necessary to raise the amount determined to be due to Plaintiffs, a sale shall be made to the highest bidder at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The sale shall be made after the Crawford County Clerk has given public notice of the time and place for said sale as required by Michigan statute and according to the course and practice of this Court. The sale of said property shall be made by or under the direction of the Crawford County Clerk on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Commencing at the SW corner of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 35, T28N, R3W, thence North 475.8 feet to the P.O.B.; thence continuing North 220 feet; thence S 89 degrees 43' East 285 feet; thence South 220 feet; thence N 89 degrees 43' West 285 feet to the P.O.B. This being part of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 35, T28N, R3W, commonly known as Shady Acres Party Store, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Date: 11/30/07

Sandra Moore  
Clerk of the Court  
-6-13-20-27-3-10

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ERIC DALE CLEMENS,  
Plaintiff,

vs  
DIANA CARMEN CLEMENS,  
Defendant/Petitioner.  
FILE NO: 97-004344-DO

CAREY & JASKOWSKI P.L.L.C.  
BY: Miranda J. Bailey (P70397)  
Attorney for Defendant/Petitioner  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-5232

### EX PARTE ORDER OF ALTERNATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge  
UPON REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instant case, and being fully advised of attempts to contact Mr. Clemens, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR 2.106(D)(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED Plaintiff/Respondent, Eric D. Clemens, must appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or may have a period of 9 days from the final date of publication to file an answer to the instant Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay. In the event that a response is not filed within nine (9) days, the Plaintiff may obtain an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay.

Dated: 11/8/07

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)  
Family Court Judge

### ORDER TO APPEAR OR ANSWER

At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 7th day of November, 2007.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MONTE J. BURMEISTER - Family Court Judge  
TO: Eric D. Clemens:

1. An action has been filed against you regarding a Motion to Clarify a Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Retired Pay.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or serve a response to Motion upon the attorney for the Defendant/Petitioner, or take such action as may be permitted by law, within 9 days of the last publication of this Order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay against you.

Dated: 11/9/07

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister (P48732)  
Family Court Judge  
-22-29-13

### MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of mortgage made by John Gay and Catherine Gay, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagor, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded on June 29, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 93, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-MH1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Two And 72/100 Dollars (\$72,702.72), including interest at 7.2% per annum.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage. The mortgage was made by William T. Rouse, a single man, and Debra L. Rouse, a single woman, whose last known address was 7620 North Old US-27, Frederic, Michigan 49733 to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, dated April 14, 2000 and recorded May 30, 2000 in Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 0508, Pages 588, 589, 590, 591, 592 & 593. There is claimed to be due to the United States of America as of November 1, 2007 the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-four and 08/100 (\$81,824.08) Dollars including interest at 7.375 per annum. Interest is \$12,5755 per day.

Notice is also given to Northland Area Federal Credit Union, whose address is 4346 F-41, P.O. Box 519, Oscoda, MI 48750, that a mortgage dated April 14, 2000 and recorded May 14, 2000 in Liber 508, Pages 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 & 68 at the Crawford County Register of Deeds could be terminated as a result of this sale.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part thereof, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 19, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as follows:

LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN, described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North along the 1/8 line 350 feet for a place of beginning; thence North 200 feet along the 1/8 line; thence West parallel to the section line to the East Right of Way line of US-27; thence Southerly along the East Right of Way line to a point that is due West of the place of beginning; thence East parallel to the Section line to the Place of Beginning.

The redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

DATED: November 13, 2007

David L. Porteous  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
PORTIOUS LAW OFFICE, P.C.  
4393 - 220th Avenue, P.O. Box 206  
Reed City, MI 49677  
TELEPHONE: (231) 832-3231

-29-6-13-20

### MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Randy L. Smock and Becky S. Smock, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated March 2, 2006 and recorded on March 8, 2006 in Liber 680 page 124, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$44,033.40.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 11 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

The Southerly 1/3 of Lot 3, and all of Lots 4, 5 & 6, Block 7, Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now city)

according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of November, 2007.

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2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall appear before this Honorable Court on January 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or serve a response to Motion upon the attorney for the Defendant/Petitioner, or take such action as may be permitted by law, within 9 days of the last publication of this Order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in an Order Modifying Judgement of Divorce to Obtain Military Pay against you.

Dated: November 8, 2007

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826

-15-22-29-6

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward B. Given, a married man and Cynthia Given, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated June 23, 2006, and recorded on June 27, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 133 in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One And 55/100 Dollars (\$82,161.18), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Irene Dougherty, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated September 11, 2006, and recorded on September 19, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 209, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred One And 55/100 Dollars (\$65,401.55), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey Smith and Tonga Smith, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Home Funds Direct, Mortgagor, dated October 13, 2006, and recorded on November 7, 2006, in Liber 684, Page 77, Crawford County Records, and assigned to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., by assignment recorded in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgagee there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 83/100 (\$168,124.83) Dollars, including interest at 8.476% per annum.

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago December 6, 1984

Orchesis Dance Theatre opened its 15th performance season in November, and was joined by Grayling resident Shawn Lovely in its performance. Shawn is a freshman at CMU and the daughter of Roy and Barbara Lovely.

Grayling High School sophomore, Colette Petroskey, was selected by a five member committee from the high school to represent the school at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar to be held this spring at Olivet College.

Doctors Mark Noss and Steve Ingersoll have become the new owners of the Grayling Vision Center in downtown Grayling. The center offers complete vision services including its own optical laboratory for faster service and control quality in cutting lenses and filling prescriptions.

### 46 Years Ago December 7, 1961

The Grayling Vikings basketball team, with their first conference victory against Mancelona tucked under their belt, will entertain the dangerous Pellston Hornets in their home opener at the Grayling High gym.

The Frederic Eagles basketball team, after dropping their cage opener at Inland Lakes, won at Bellaire 53-37.

Grayling will be the scene tonight of a civic celebration, honoring pioneers, the newest citizens and some folks who don't

even live here. Signifying the community's rebirth as a commercial and industrial center of the north, the celebration will be called "Appreciation Day." At the same time, and at the same celebration, the city's role as a sports and outdoor lover's headquarters will be marked. There will be acknowledgement of some of the Michigan people, industries and businesses which have helped Grayling prosper over the years, at a banquet that night.

The Moose Lodge basketball team of Grayling will be at the Kalkaska High School gym. Manager Charles Chapman, and co-captains Ron Larson and Duane Worden, are looking forward to another fine season. The U.S. Air Force team from Empire, the Detroit Lions cage team, Traverse City, and many other fine squads, are expected to be here this season to offer the basketball fans of Grayling some fine hardwood action.

Mrs. Harry McEvers has opened a florist business at her home, 302 Maple Street. The new venture will carry the name of "Flowers By Josie".

The Black and White Market is having a gigantic pork sale. Center cut pork chops are 59¢ per lb., end cut chops are 39¢ per lb., lean and meaty spare ribs are 39¢ per lb., and a half rib of pork loin is 45¢ per lb.

### 69 Years Ago December 8, 1938

Grayling High School opened the basketball season last Friday by defeating the Alpena

Thunderbolts, on the Alpena floor, in a hard fought overtime game. The score was 18-20. Coach Willard Cornell's green and white basket shooters showed the way throughout the game.

Alfred Sorenson has been granted an embalmer's certificate and is getting ready to open an undertaking home in his residence. He has long been identified in this profession with his father, the late George Sorenson.

### 92 Years Ago December 9, 1915

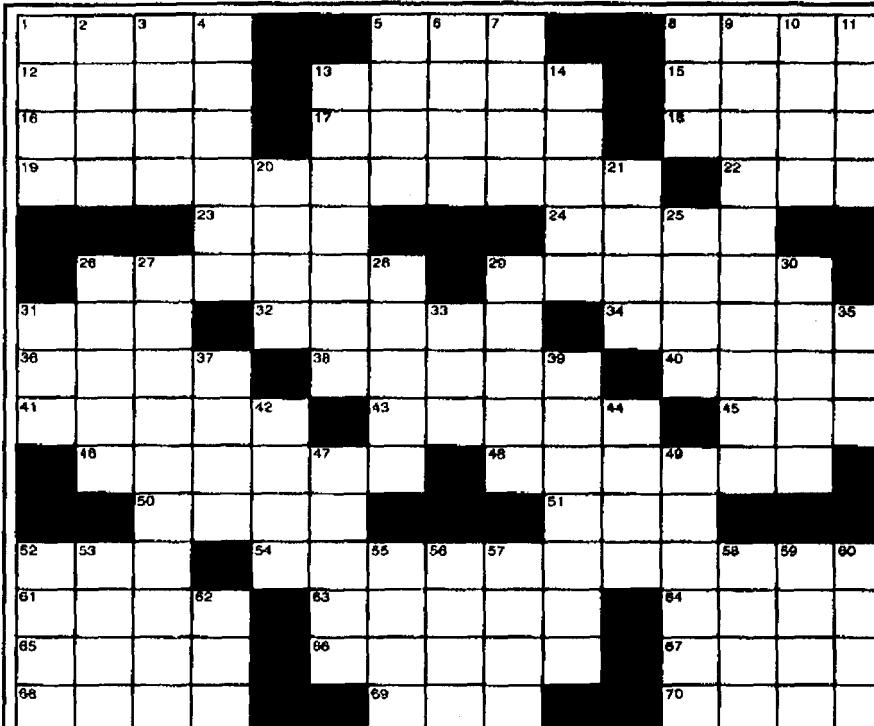
The Loyal Order of the Moose have installed a fine new pocket billiard table in their club room.

Through the efforts of Sheriff Cody and Prosecutor Smith, a place of ill repute, that had been opened at the old chicken farm south of T-Town recently, has been closed.

Early Saturday afternoon, while Frank Peck a delivery man for DeWaele and Sons grocery was getting into the wagon, the horses became frightened and ran away. They circled one of the main blocks, and in doing so, dashed into a telegraph pole, breaking the rear axle. Mr. Peck was thrown from the wagon and is somewhat bruised up.

Fire did some damage to the home of Jens Peter Jenson, located north of T-Town last week, burning a hole in the roof.

## CROSSWORD



Across

1. Fiction.
5. Beverage made by steeping leaves in boiling water.
8. World's largest continent.
12. South African plant used with burns.
13. Relating to citizenship.
15. Short, high-pitched sound.
16. Marked by unusual quality.
17. Arbutus ... the strawberry tree.
18. Collection of Seiena's Spanish and English hits.
19. Property of being without end.
22. Perceive by the eye.
23. System to detect plastic explosives in passengers' luggage using X-ray technology and computers.
24. Banned on grounds of morality.
26. Artificial language used for trade between speakers of different language.
29. Processed salted roe of large fish.
31. Human upper limb.
32. Injection of liquid into rectum.
34. Island.
35. 1948 Alfred Hitchcock film.
38. Country in Africa.
40. Plural of 'house.'
41. Basic structural, functional units of all organisms.
43. Having a sound like that of a reed instrument.
45. Destroy with sudden force.
46. Capital of Lesotho.
48. Disturbed psychologically.
50. Feel concern.
51. Female sheep.
52. Fixed point in time from which a series of years is reckoned.
54. Native lands of one's ancestors.
61. Takes something away from.
63. Substance in its natural unprocessed state.
64. Implement used in the practice of a vocation.
65. Public celebration marking a special occasion.
66. Device for taking hold of objects.
67. Type of margarine.
68. Occurrence believed to predict a future event.
69. Acronym for Teletypewriter.
70. Forward end of something.

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### ADOPT A PET

**Harely**

Harley is the man of the hour. This very nice 1 - 2 year old Chocolate Lab/Malamute mix is looking for a new home. He has a wonderful disposition and a handsome mug. This guy would make a great pet for just about anyone.

### Pod

Pod is just about as cute as they come. He is 9 months old and looking for a family. He has led a bit of a sheltered life so far, so he could use a little work on his social skills. He is cautious with new people but once Pod knows someone he just loves them.

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

**AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:**  
**5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling**  
 Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
 Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays  
 After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
 For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

### WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week |    | Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com) |             |              |          |              |               |              |        |
|-----------|----|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| Date      | H  | L                                               | Snow inches | Wednesday    | Thursday | Friday       | Saturday      | Sunday       | Monday |
| 11/28     | 31 | 2                                               | 2           | High         | High     | High         | High          | High         | High   |
| 11/29     | 34 | 13                                              | 1           | 17           | 23       | 28           | 27            | 36           | 30     |
| 11/30     | 22 | 12                                              | 1           | Low          | Low      | Low          | Low           | Low          | Low    |
| 12/1      | 20 | 13                                              | 0           | 14           | 18       | 16           | 23            | 23           | 24     |
| 12/2      | 26 | 13                                              | 9           | Snow Showers | Flurries | Snow Showers | Mostly Cloudy | Snow Showers | Cloudy |
| 12/3      | 32 | 23                                              | 1           |              |          |              |               |              |        |

### HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 6, 2007

| FIND THE TWINS                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
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| WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>SEEK AND FIND</b><br>FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.<br>THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.<br>BATTER BLADDER CHATTER CLATTER FATTER FLATTER HATTER LADDER PLATTER SPLATTER TATTER                                        |  |
| X I F L A T T E R I<br>S A H S R J A P E O<br>F G M P E R T N T B<br>F E C L T E T V T B<br>A P L A T T E R A L<br>T A A T A T R Y H A<br>T T D T B A R T C D<br>E T D E E H W Q S D<br>R E E R J O P T D E<br>W R R C L A T T E R |  |
| <b>HIDDEN PICTURE</b><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Color in each space that contains a letter.                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

| HOROSCOPES                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>CAPRICORN</b><br>All things are possible. Keep that in mind this week, Capricorn, as what appears to be the impossible is asked of you. Go for it. Success will be yours.<br>December 22 - January 19                |  |
| <b>ARIES</b><br>Silly mistakes bog down a project at work. Step up, Aries, and take control. If you don't, more chaos will ensue, and the project may never be completed.<br>March 21 - April 19                        |  |
| <b>TAURUS</b><br>Forget about the past, Aquarius. You can't change what happened, so move on. It's the future that counts, and this week is just the beginning.<br>April 20 - May 18                                    |  |
| <b>SCORPIO</b><br>A cash crisis is impetus to look for a new source of revenue. Lucky for you, Taurus, one is very close at hand. On the horizon, relationships improve considerably.<br>June 22 - July 22              |  |
| <b>CANCER</b><br>Finally free to do what you want, Cancer? Try something new. Pursue a hobby, sport or something else you've always wanted to do and prepare to have a good time.<br>July 23 - August 22                |  |
| <b>LIBRA</b><br>Uh-uh, Libra. Now is not the time for big moves on the career front. Keep plodding along, and eventually, that change you're longing for will happen.<br>September 23 - October 22                      |  |
| <b>LEO</b><br>Face it, Scorpio. You have the skills to get the job done. All you need is the right motivation and that will come through a friend down on their luck.<br>October 23 - November 21                       |  |
| <b>PIRA</b><br>Nothing is more important than time with your family. That is exactly the gift you will receive this week, Sagittarius. Make it memorable with a special trip.<br>November 22 - December 21              |  |
| <b>PIRA</b><br>Feeling the pressure at work, Gemini? Give up the reins to someone else. They have the answers. The gift list grows with a major announcement.<br>May 21 - June 19                                       |  |
| <b>PIRA</b><br>Uh-huh, Pisces. It is time to relinquish control of a home improvement project to someone more experienced. Don't chide yourself. You gave it a whirl, and it didn't work out.<br>February 19 - March 20 |  |

# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

**1. Real Estate**

**FIVE ACRES** both sides river, both sides road. Three bedroom 2 bath ranch. Two possible bedroom plus family room, storage in walk-out basement. Pole building across road 989-348-8524. (11/08/2007ff/1)

**1. Real Estate**

**FOR SALE**, will consider land contract or rent with option, 5256 Old 27 N. Frederic. Newly renovated inside and out. 3 Br, \$99,000. 348-4252 days or 348-5256 after 5 pm and weekends. (-29-6/1)

**1. Real Estate**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** 2.65 acres, wooded land w/ electric and well. Many large red pines. Adjoining state land at end of private road. Very secluded, close to proposed theme park in Grayling. Excellent building site or hunting camp location. 989-329-3249. (-15-22-29-6/1)

**1. Real Estate**

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06ff/1)

**Classifieds must be paid for in advance**  
**Display Advertising Rate** - \$8.00 per column inch  
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**Stunning log home shell. Sits on a gorgeous 1/2 acre lot. Buy now and finish later. Create your own dream get-away or full time home. The possibilities are endless. #5915 \$63,900**

**REduced**

**AuSable River front home on 10 acres. Large spacious ranch lends great views of the river and wild life. 25 x 27 master suite has jacuzzi & fireplace. Open kitchen/living area w/ wood burning fireplace. Gazebo, 2 car garage w/ 30 x 24 office/workshop and 2nd floor. #5693 \$285,000**

**REduced**

**Custom log home, immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with master suite featuring vaulted ceiling, fireplace, pine interior wood flooring, ceramic tile, counter tops, custom windows, wood stove with extensive decking located on 1.4 acres. #5934 \$185,000**

**REduced**

**ON LAKE MARGRETHE with 50 feet of sandy beach front, 2,075 sq. ft. log home renovated to restore its natural beauty. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, loft, 2 incredible stone fireplaces, large living room and massive dining area both have cathedral ceilings! #5926 \$399,000**

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**120 wooded acres surrounded by the Père Marquette State Forest. Cozy log sided cabin has 2 bedrooms, stone fireplace, generator, gas and electric lights, hand pump well in kitchen, pond, and 5 heated blinds. #5922 \$330,000, or 40 acres w/ cabin for \$250,000 or vacant 40 acres for \$96,000**

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**Rustic up North get away cabin. Located on 10 acres great for hunting and snowmobiling. Seasonal road. The cabin is operated by generator only and has a path to the bath. Rolling hills, all around nature at its best. #5930 \$33,000**

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**Stunning Lake Margrethe setting, expansive lakeside yard and 2,310 sq. ft. Features 4 bedroom, 3 baths, garage and beautiful kitchen. #5858 \$490,000**

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**2. For Rent****2. For Rent****2. For Rent****3. Employment****4. Services Offered****5. For Sale**

**FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM** 1 bath cottage with garage, in country setting 12 minutes south of Grayling. \$500 a month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-29-6/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200, Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM** mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-29-6-13-20/2)

**FOR RENT EFFICIENCY APARTMENT** \$350 a month, \$200 security deposit includes heat, elec., cable TV, snow/trash removal. Call 989-370-1735 or 348-2137. (-29-6-13/2)

**1-2-3 BEDROOM DUPLEXES** for rent starting at \$450 plus security. 989-348-5230. (-6-13-20/27/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX** unfurnished. All utilities paid. \$500 plus \$500 security deposit. 989-348-2466. (-6-13/2)

**OFFICE SPACE** 570 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07tf/2)

**WAREHOUSE SPACE** 1,200 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07tf/2)

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**FOR RENT** 1,400 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 2 bath with 150' frontage on the Manistee River. Includes 2 car garage, gas fireplace and is adjacent to state land. \$650/month + security + utilities. No smoking. Please call Craig Hinkle for application 989-348-7440. (10/25/07tf/2)

**THREE BEDROOM** ranch home, remodeled, like new. Natural gas, nice neighborhood, 1 1/2 bath, garage, nonsmoking. \$695. 1056 Little John Ave. 989-348-2178. (11/8/07tf/2)

**Grayling Pines Apartments**

at 595 Meadows Drive in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 2 bedroom apartments. Rent starts at only \$605.00 a month. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral décor, and spacious living areas. also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Peggy at (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-649-3777



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**FOR LEASE** will consider land contract or rent with option, 5256 Old 27 N. Frederic. Newly renovated inside and out. 3 Br, lease at \$750 month. 348-4252 days or 348-5256 after 5 PM and weekends. (-29-6/2)

**3 BR, 1 1/2 bath** trailer for rent. \$750 security deposit, \$550 per month. Newly remodeled, no pets. Contact Mychele 989-348-1854. (-29-6-13-20/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** are now taking applications for current availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989 348-9456, for more information. (11/29/07tf/2)

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**FOR RENT**, mobile home on 12 acres, 2 br, 2 baths, \$450 plus utilities. Security deposit required, will consider pets. Call 348-4857 or 231-624-0616. (-6-13/2)

**RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS**, Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units. Rent is based on income, subsidy now available, NO MINIMUM. Laundry and play areas on site. Applications at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-6-13/2)

**HOUSE ADVOCATE**, River House, Inc. is seeking candidates for a full time House Advocate position. The primary responsibilities of the House Advocate are the support of shelter residents, answering the crisis line, and performing general cleaning. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. High school diploma or equivalent is required. Human service experience and computer skills are preferred. House Advocates work three 12-hour shifts per week which are evenings, nights and weekends. Position includes Holiday coverage. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org Fax 989-348-0485. Phone 989-348-0570. (-29-6-13/3)

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS.**, 306 Knight St. in Grayling, one bedroom unit available for qualified applicant. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for resident use. Applications at office on site or by calling 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-6-13/2)

**ROOM** \$300 monthly, utilities included, in Bear Lake area, call Paul 989-390-0778. (-6/2)

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**MODERN HOUSE FOR RENT**, two big bedrooms, large living room, spacious kitchen and dining area, laundry room, foyer, hot water heat and more. Very nice. Small neighborhood one mile from downtown Grayling. \$600 monthly plus utilities, references and deposit required. Call 348-4872 or 390-4635. (-6/2)

**2A. Want To Rent**

**WANTED TO RENT** deer hunting, acreage complete with cabin and blinds for 2-4 men, call Ken Smith in Lansing, 517-485-8654. (-29-6/2a)

**3. Employment**

**EDUCATION, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** Extension-Crawford County, full-time, one year, AmeriCorps VISTA position. Responsibilities include working with local youth programs to promote citizenship, leadership and service and assist with youth peer mentoring program. Monthly stipend of \$833 and health benefits provided. Upon completion of service, a cash award of \$1,200 or an Education Award of \$4,725 will be distributed. Some college, non-formal education or youth programming experience preferred. Application deadline December 10th. Contact Crawford County MSU Extension for application (989)-344-3266. (-29-6/3)

**GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY** is now accepting applications for Ski Patrol. This is a volunteer position; each person selected will receive an annual membership for skiing plus receive a meal voucher each day they work. For more information please call 348-9266 or you can receive an application at Hanson Hills. You must be certified in First-Aid and CPR. (-6-13/3)

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**HELP WANTED:** The Brook Retirement Community Roscommon is seeking a full time (40 hrs wk) day position Nurse Aid. 12 hr. shifts. Certification preferred. Experience necessary. Competitive wages, benefits. Low stress, fun atmosphere where you can make a difference. Our residents deserve the most caring, dedicated staff. Join our team! Apply in person at The Brook Roscommon, 195 State St., by Dec. 18th. (-6-13/3)

**GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY** has positions open for winter operations. Applications available at Hanson Hills or online at hansonhills.org. Application deadline Friday, December 7, 2008. Grayling Recreation Authority is an equal opportunity employer. (-6/3)

**PART TIME PC TECH:** Kirtland Community College is accepting applications to fill a part time (approx. 32 hours per week) position providing technical support for all campus personal computers and related equipment. For a complete position description, visit our web site at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs. Applications will be accepted until December 28, 2007. Equal opportunity employer. (-6/3)

**3. Employment**

**CRAWFORD COUNTY IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**DIRECT CARE TREATMENT SPECIALIST** positions, part-time & temporary on-call. High School diploma or GED required. Direct care for adolescent mother/baby program in a residential setting. Grayling location. Reply to: Human Resources-74, Holy Cross Children's Services-Kenquest House, 8759 Clinton-Macon Rd., Clinton, MI 49236. EOE. Web site: www.hccsnet.org. (-6/2)

**ARE YOU IN THE** market for a supplemental income through a part time job? Does your current availability allow flexibility? Leelin Home Health Care, Inc. is in need of applicants from the Grayling area. Personal care experience is helpful but not required. Are you interested in engaging in a rewarding experience? Please call our corporate office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1-800-274-0100. Driver's License and vehicle insurance required. (-29-6/3)

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**DRIVER TRAINEES** needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-882-7364. (9/6/07tf/4)

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**DEPENDABLE SNOWPLOWING**, season rates & per plow, call 989-745-3700. (-6-13/4)

**COLLEGE STUDENT** taking online classes, willing to baby sit in your home M-F days, have references, 989-390-1263. (-29-6/4)

**CHILD CARE** in my home, will take part to full time, 390-4168. (11/29/07tf/4)

**WILL HAUL AWAY** your scrap metal, junk cars, old car batteries and non-working appliances for free. Just call Chris at 989-390-1457. (-6/4)

**4. Services Offered**

**Snow Plowing**  
M-72 West, M-93,  
Lake Margrethe area.  
Reasonable Rates,  
No Contracts.  
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989-390-5998

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**WANTED TO BUY** Rittenhouse cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06tf/6)

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**WANTED LADIES TO TEACH** hi-levels in our fitness program. Call for interview, 348-6542 ask for Char. (-6-13/6)

#### 8. Announcements

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#### 8. Announcements

COOKIE SALE at St. Mary's Family Center on Spruce St., on Sat., Dec. 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Sun., Dec. 9th, 10:00 a.m. to noon. (-6/8)

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CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE? Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (5/31/07/11/11)

#### 10. Garage Sale

MOVING OUT OF STATE, inside heated garage sale, 571 Banbury Ct., second road past Scheer Motors on left, Dec. 7 and 8, 10:00-2:00. (-6/10)

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| \$8.10 | \$8.20 | \$8.30 | \$8.40 | \$8.50 | \$8.60  | \$8.70  |
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CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

# AVALANCHE of MEMORIES



*At the turn of the century, Frederic was a very active community, with logging and heavy industry supporting a relatively large population. Pictured here, a handful of Frederic residents pose for a photographer in front of Burke Bro's.*

## 2008 Calendar

Historical Photos of Crawford County

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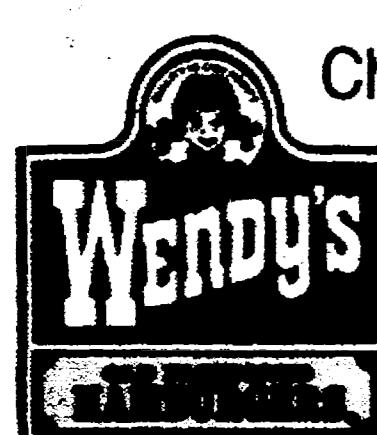
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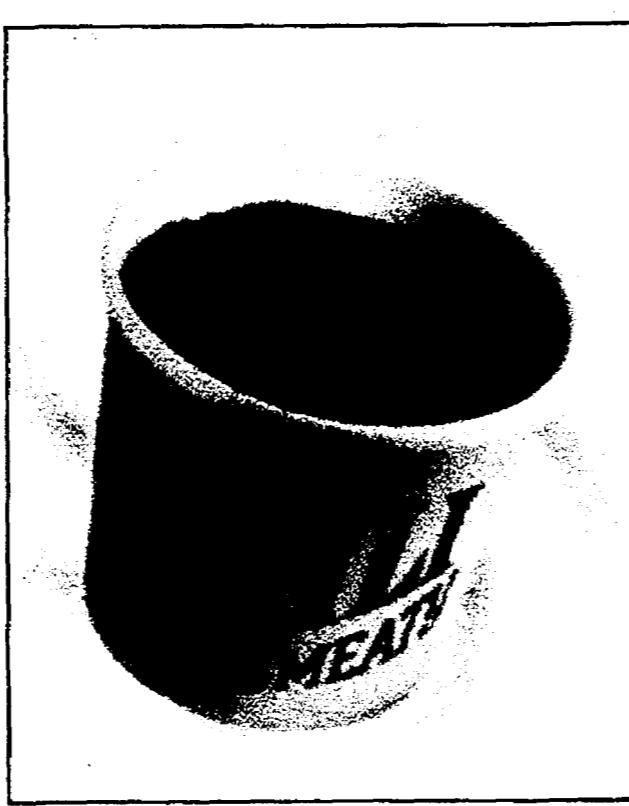
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Hunting has always been a passion for Crawford County residents, as is indicated by the smiling faces of the people in this hunting party, despite the heavy snow. This photo was taken December 6, 1941.

## DECEMBER

## 2007

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|        |        |               |           |          |        | 1        |
| 2      | 3      | 4             | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8        |
|        |        |               |           |          |        |          |
| 9      | 10     | 11            | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
|        |        |               |           |          |        |          |
| 16     | 17     | 18            | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
|        |        |               |           |          |        |          |
| 23     | 24     | 25            | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
|        |        |               |           |          |        |          |
| 30     | 31     | Christmas Day |           |          |        |          |
|        |        |               |           |          |        |          |

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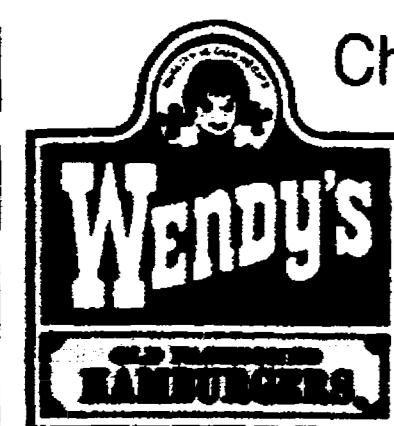
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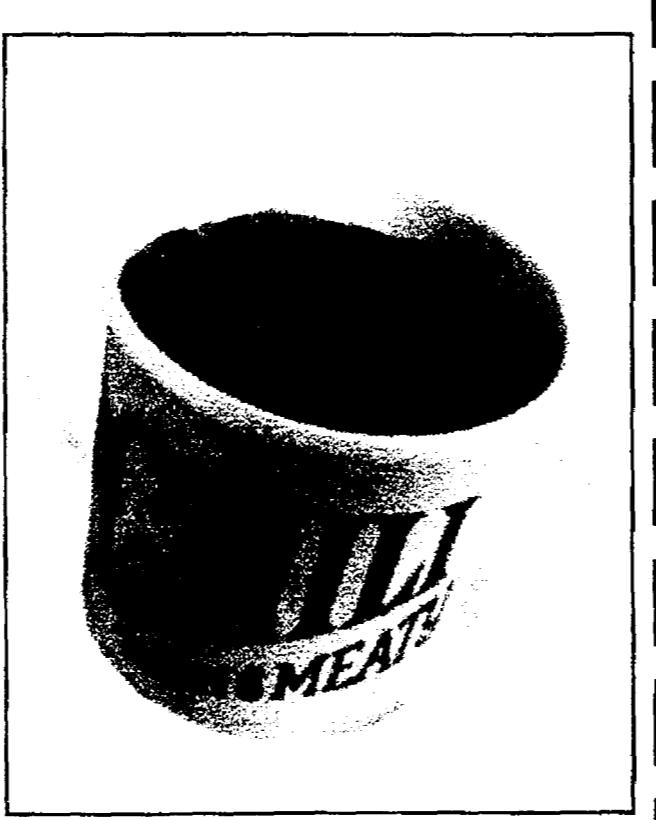
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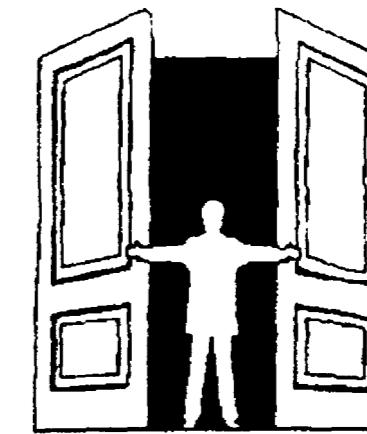
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James McDonnell was the Grayling postmaster from January 10, 1935, until January 31, 1950. He is pictured here in his office on Michigan Avenue, where the post office was built in 1937. Construction of the new building began on July 5, 1937, on a budget of \$70,000. The former post office, which was the first in Crawford County, was built in 1883 on the location where the Avalanche exists today.

## JANUARY

2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY             | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|        |                                   | 1<br>New Year's Day | 2         | 3        | 4      | 5        |
| 6      | 7                                 | 8                   | 9         | 10       | 11     | 12       |
| 13     | 14                                | 15                  | 16        | 17       | 18     | 19       |
| 20     | 21<br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 22                  | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26       |
| 27     | 28                                | 29                  | 30        | 31       |        |          |

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March 1st • 1:00 pm

**Ski By Lantern Light**  
Jan. 12th & 26th • February 9th &  
23rd, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Winter Logging**  
Jan. 24th, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Visitor's Center

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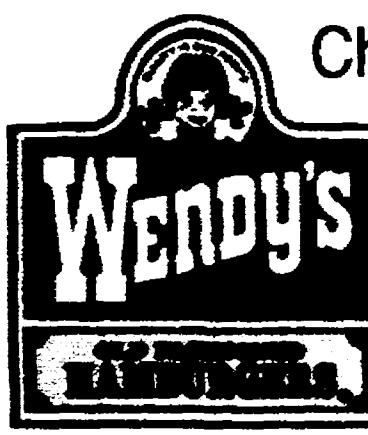
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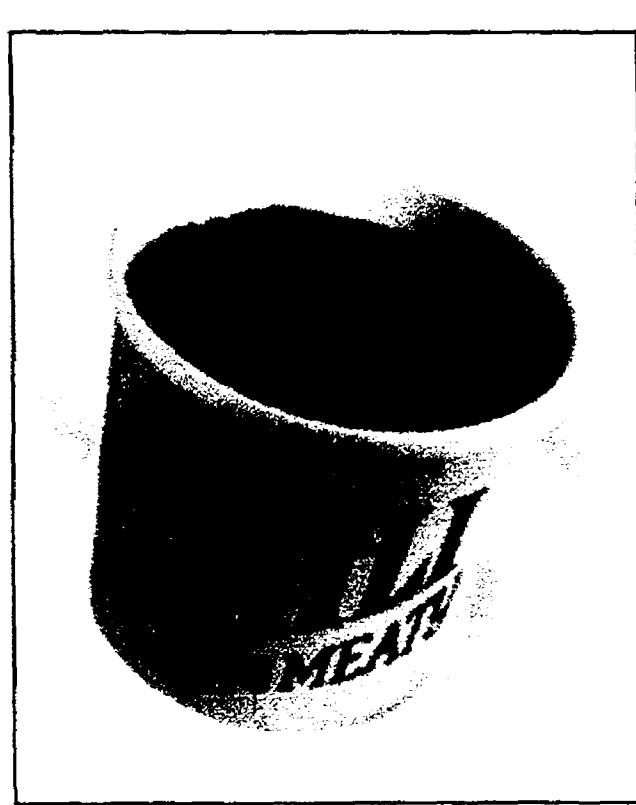
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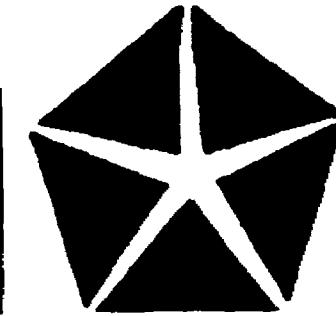
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By the early Twentieth Century, Grayling had its own police department in addition to the county Sheriff's Office. Pictured here (from left) are Grayling law enforcement officers John Papendick, George Bielski and William Golnick during the 1930s.

# FEBRUARY

2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY          | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY        | FRIDAY | SATURDAY      |
|--------|-----------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---------------|
|        |                 |         |           |                 | 1      | 2             |
|        |                 |         |           |                 |        | Groundhog Day |
| 3      | 4               | 5       | 6         | 7               | 8      | 9             |
|        |                 |         |           | Ash Wednesday   |        |               |
| 10     | 11              | 12      | 13        | 14              | 15     | 16            |
|        |                 |         |           | Valentine's Day |        |               |
| 17     | 18              | 19      | 20        | 21              | 23     | 23            |
|        | Presidents' Day |         |           |                 |        |               |
| 24     | 25              | 26      | 27        | 28              | 29     |               |

## Winter Activities

HARTWICK PINES STATE PARK

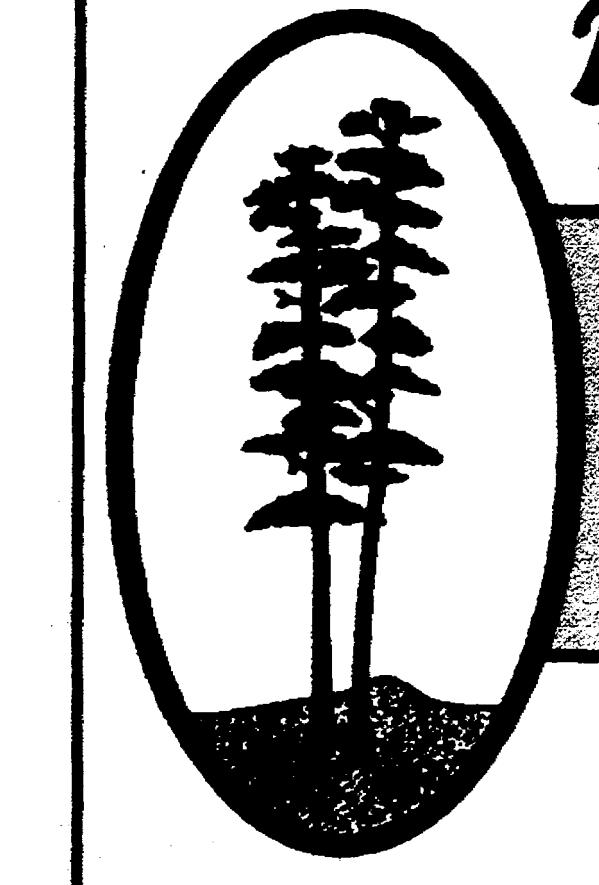
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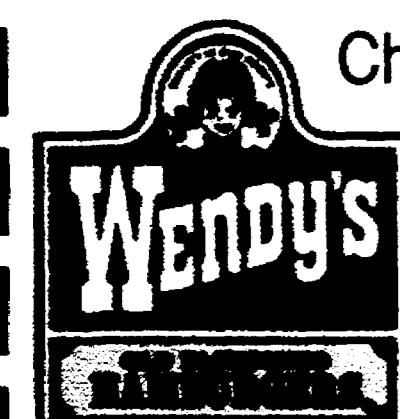
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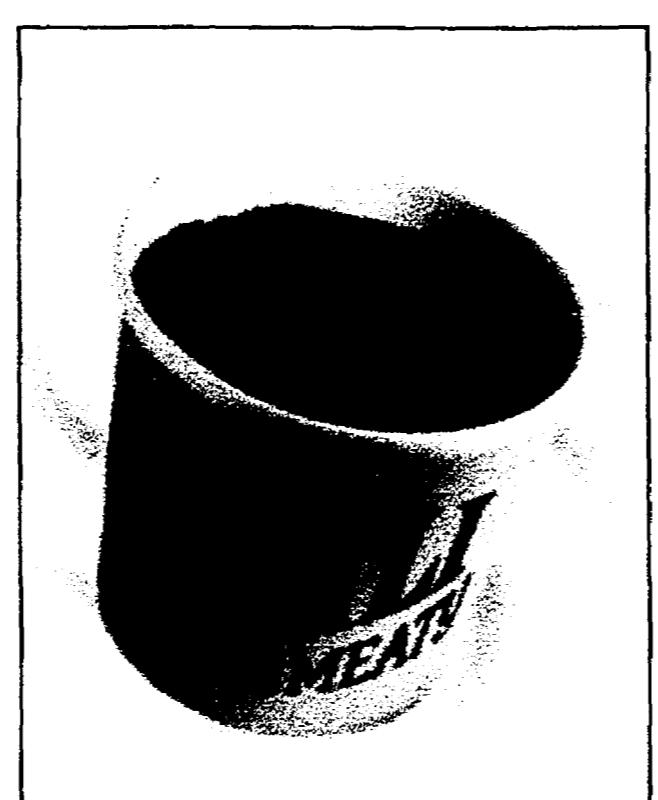
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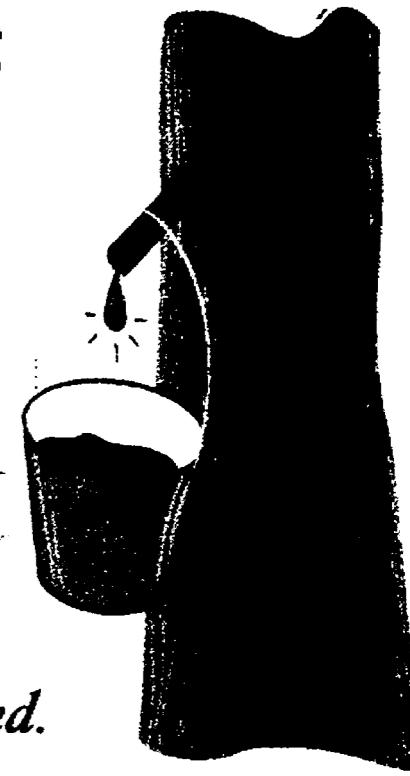
## Winter Activities

HARTWICK PINES STATE PARK

~ River Drives & River Hogs ~  
March 20th, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

~ Maple Syrup Days ~  
March 22nd, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No charge for event, however Motor Vehicle Permit Required.  
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### Flying High

These P-51 Fighter planes are armed and ready at the Grayling Air Service airport (now the Grayling army Airfield) in a photo taken around 1948. The Grayling Air Service was founded by brothers Bud and Clayton McDonnell in 1947. The airport, featuring two 6,000 foot runways, was constructed by the Federal government during World War II.

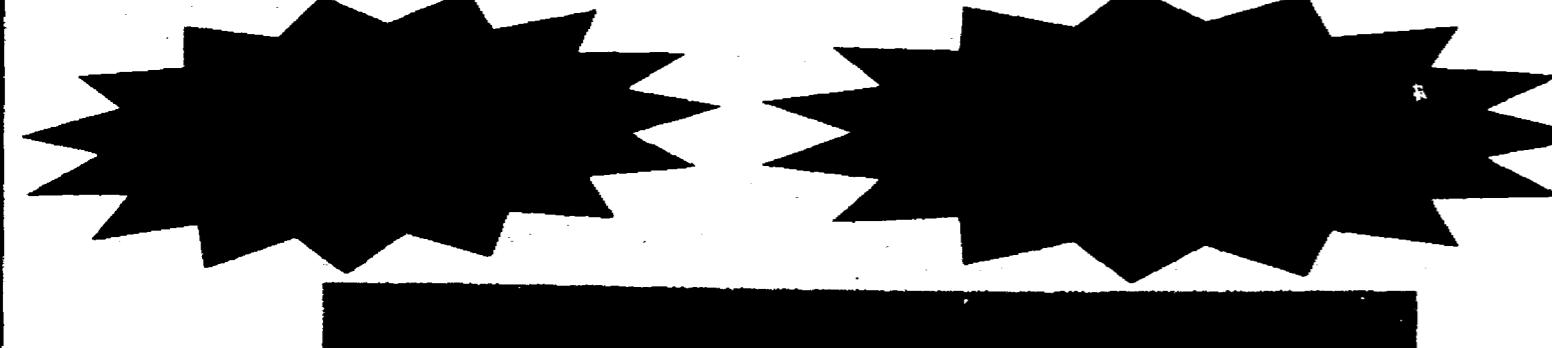
## MARCH

2008

| SUNDAY                      | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2                           | 3      | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8        |
| 9                           | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| Daylight Saving Time Begins |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 16                          | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
|                             |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 23                          | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
| Easter Sunday               |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 30                          | 31     |         |           |          |        |          |

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**APRIL**

**2008**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 13       | 14     | 15      | 16        | 17       | 18     | 19       |
| 20       | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26       |
| Passover |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 27       | 28     | 29      | 30        |          |        |          |

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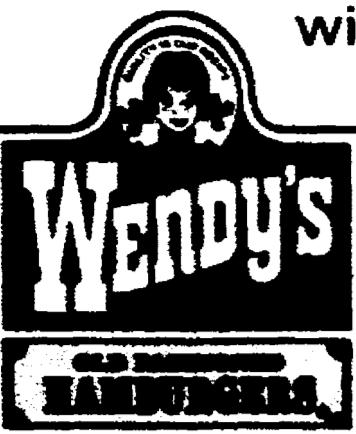
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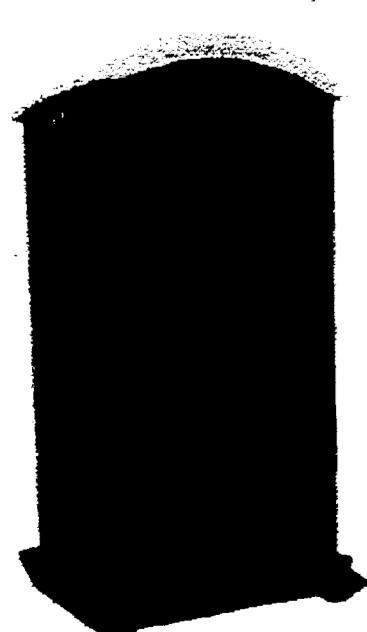
**Patrolling the River**

John Isenhauer, of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office Marine Division, patrols the river in May 1966. The Marine Division, was first founded as the result of a collaboration with the DNR. At the time this photo was taken, it was standard for local officers to start out on the marine division before being assigned to the roads. The Sheriff's Office Marine Division still patrols local rivers and lakes during summer months, ensuring that residents enjoy local resources safely.

**MAY**

**2008**

| SUNDAY       | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 4            | 5      | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9      | 10       |
| 11           | 12     | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17       |
| Mother's Day |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 18           | 19     | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24       |
| 25           | 26     | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30     | 31       |
| Memorial Day |        |         |           |          |        |          |



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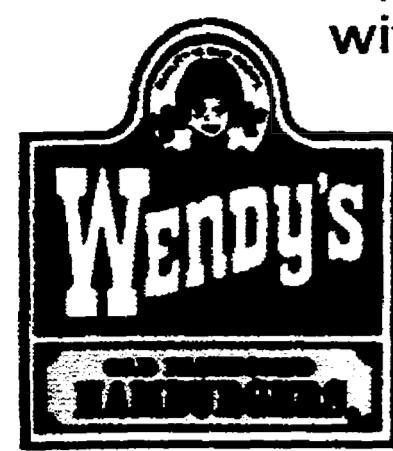
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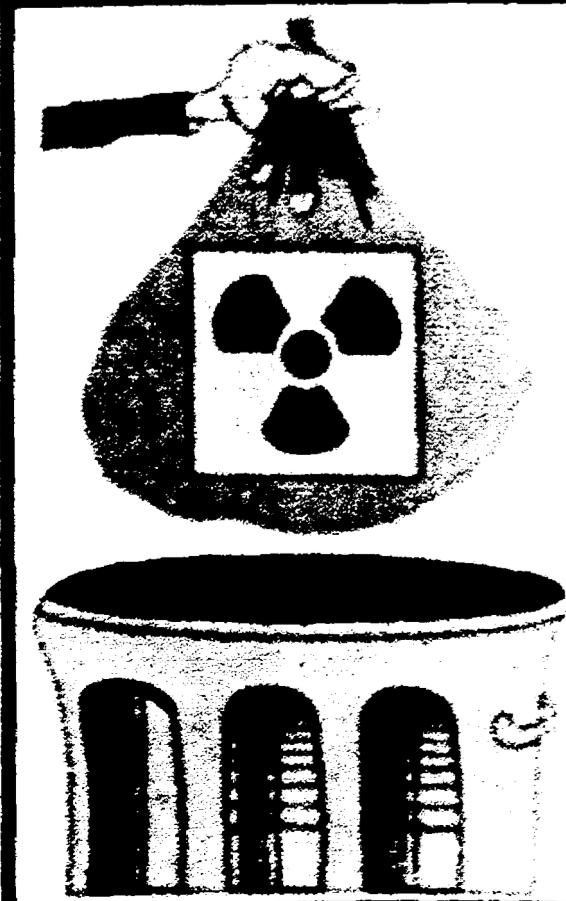
*This barn was located at the John C. Failing farm in Beaver Creek Township. It was built in 1901. Pictured are John Failing, Mrs. Failing, Lauren Failing and Leonard Barnaby.*

**JUNE**

**2008**

| SUNDAY       | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 1            | 2      | 3       | 4         | 5        | 6      | 7        |
| 8            | 9      | 10      | 11        | 12       | 13     | 14       |
|              |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 15           | 16     | 17      | 18        | 19       | 20     | 21       |
| Father's Day |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 22           | 23     | 24      | 25        | 26       | 27     | 28       |
| 29           | 30     |         |           |          |        |          |

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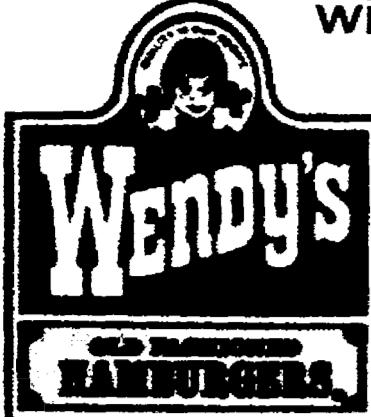
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## Hartwick Pines State Park

### Woodshaving Days Festival

July 19 & 20

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Both Days



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### A Great Day

Grayling residents Allen Carr and Delbert Case were the winners of the first AuSable River Canoe Marathon in 1947. Both young men lost their jobs while practicing for the 120 mile race. During the first marathon, paddlers didn't know what to expect, with many neglecting to bring food or water. Race canoes were not yet standardized either, with design materials ranging from canvas to wood.

# JULY

# 2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY               |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|------------------------|
|        |        | 1       | 2         | 3        | 4      | 5                      |
|        |        |         |           |          |        | Independence Day       |
| 6      | 7      | 8       | 9         | 10       | 11     | 12                     |
| 13     | 14     | 15      | 16        | 17       | 18     | 19                     |
| 20     | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26                     |
| 27     | 28     | 29      | 30        | 31       |        | Ausable Canoe Marathon |



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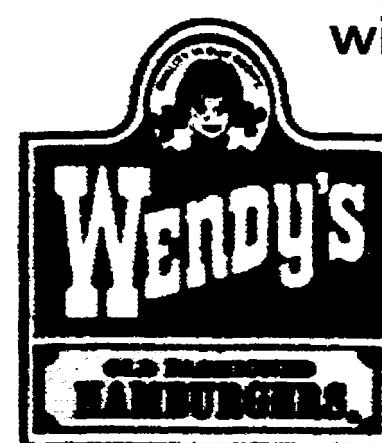


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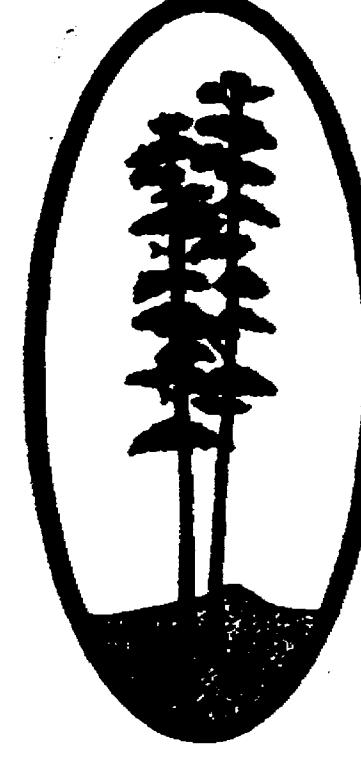
*This photo of the Crawford County courthouse is dated August 1, 1936. It stood where Citizens Bank is located today. It was the second of three courthouse buildings in the county, and has been replaced by the present courthouse, which is located at the end of Michigan Avenue.*

**AUGUST**

**2008**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 24     | 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30       |
| 31     |        |         |           |          |        |          |

**Hartwick Pines State Park Events**



Forest Fest • Aug 9  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Black Iron Days Festival • Aug 23 & 24  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Both Days

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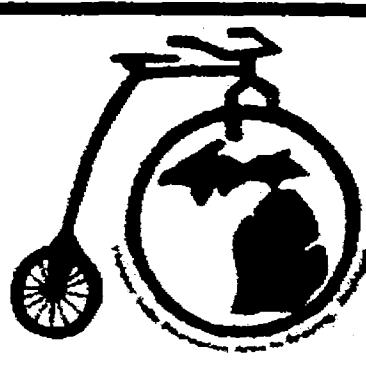
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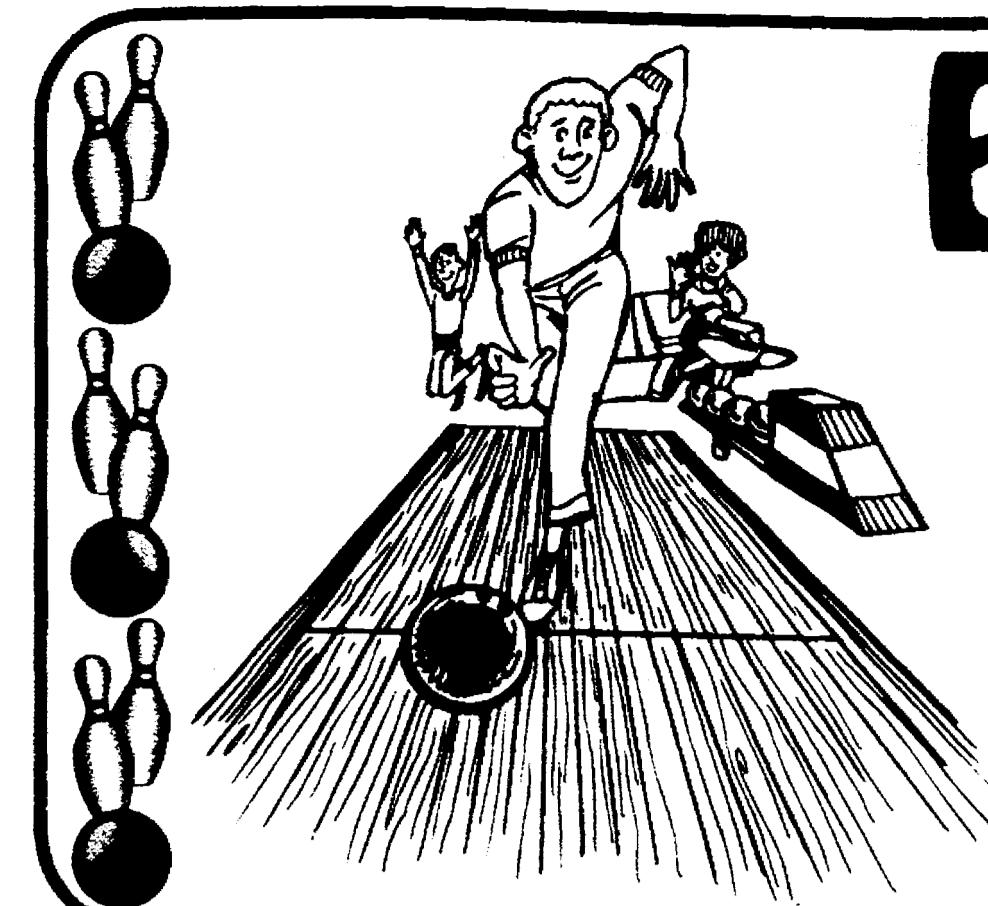
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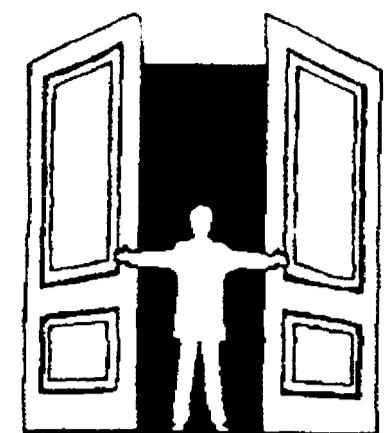
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This scene is from Margarethe Hanson's 90th birthday party, celebrated at her home on September 7, 1937. She lived from 1845-1946. Pictured with her, back row, from left: Marge H. Syner, Lilian Hanson, Ed Hanson, Grace Woodson, Esbern Hanson, Helen Routier, Ralph Routier, Bertha Hanson, Oscar Hanson and Mage B. Front row, from left: Mathilda B., Grace Curd, Margarethe Hanson, M.H. Grahaam and Ella Braun.

# SEPTEMBER

2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY         | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|----------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|        | 1<br>Labor Day | 2       | 3         | 4        | 5      | 6        |
| 7      | 8              | 9       | 10        | 11       | 12     | 13       |
| 14     | 15             | 16      | 17        | 18       | 19     | 20       |
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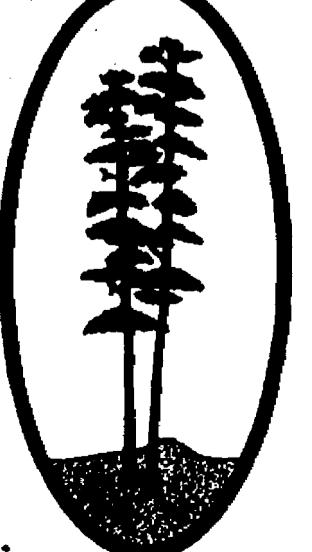


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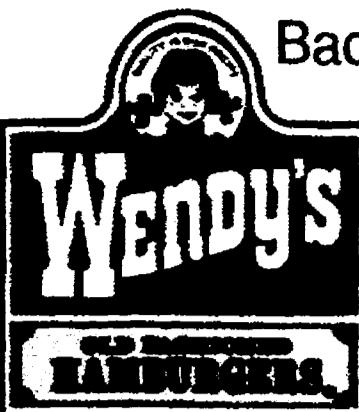
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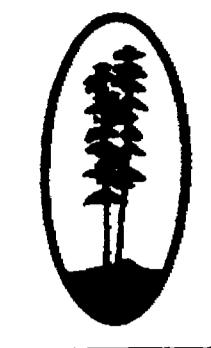
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**October 18**

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**Going Downtown**

This photo of downtown Grayling was taken in October 1962. The building on the far left, at the present-day location of the Grayling Pharmacy, is a women's dress shop called The Pink Lady. At the location of the present day Grayling Hair Station was the old Grayling Pharmacy, operated by Ray and Jean Elsey. Interestingly, a new Grayling Pharmacy now operates right next door. Miller Hardware stood where The Bicycle Shop operates today.

**OCTOBER**

**2008**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY      | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|--------|--------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|
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| 5      | 6      | 7            | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11        |
| 12     | 13     | 14           | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18        |
|        |        | Columbus Day |           |          |        |           |
| 19     | 20     | 21           | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25        |
| 26     | 27     | 28           | 29        | 30       | 31     |           |
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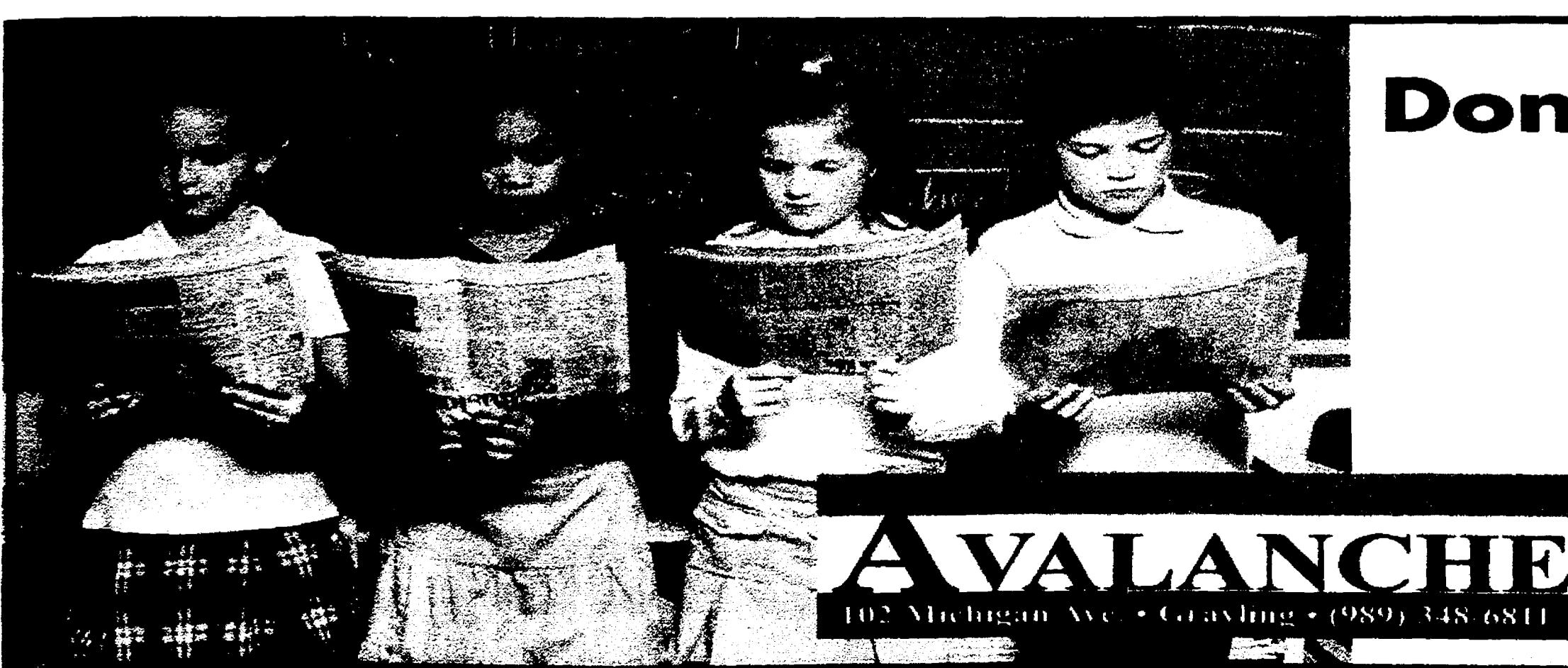
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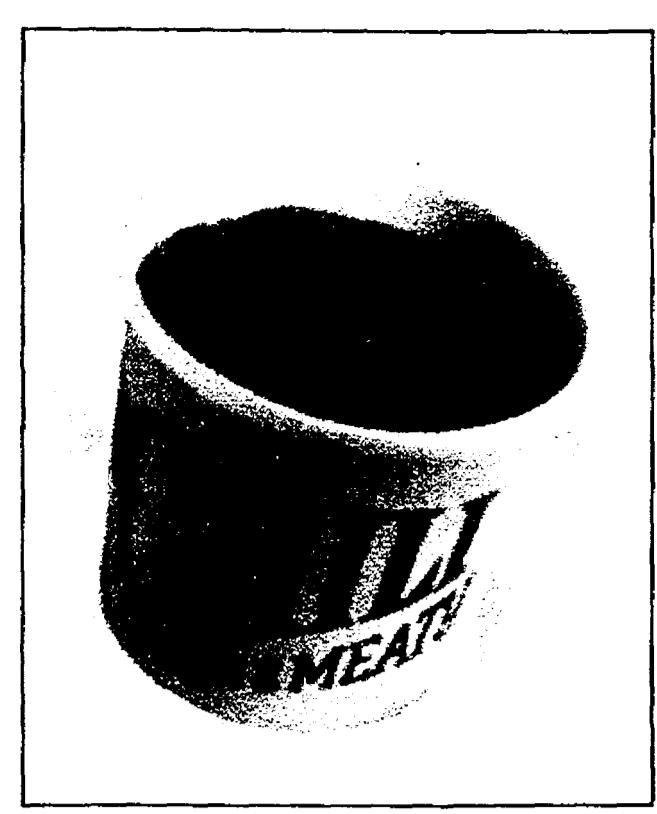
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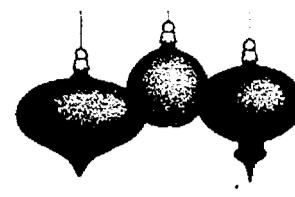
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A Little Sawdust on Their Boots

This photo depicts the Sawmill office located in Grayling in 1915. Ruth Lovely Golnick is the little girl, and to her left is T.P. Peterson.

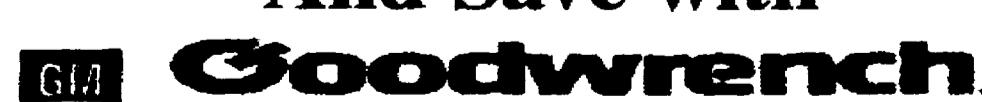
# NOVEMBER

2008

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|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|
|        |                                               |                                   |           |          |        | 1<br><small>All Saints' Day</small> |
| 2      | 3<br><small>Daylight Saving Time Ends</small> | 4<br><small>Election Day</small>  | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8                                   |
| 9      | 10                                            | 11<br><small>Veterans Day</small> | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15                                  |
| 16     | 17                                            | 18                                | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22                                  |
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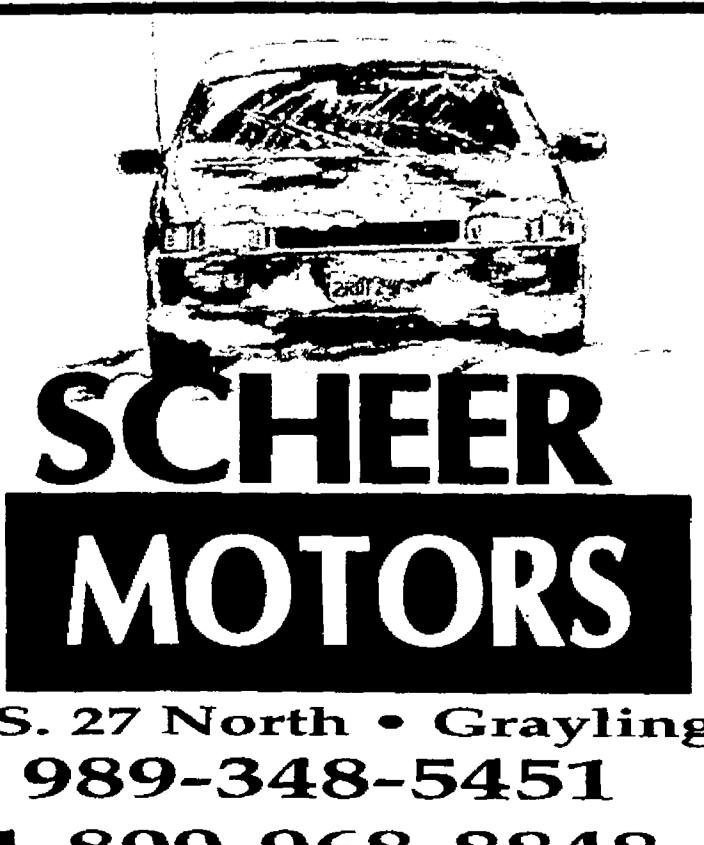
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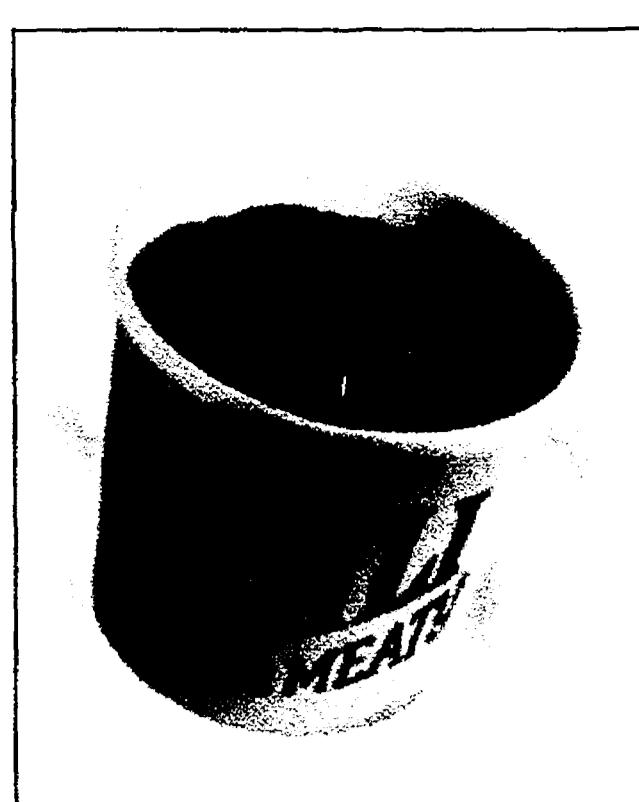
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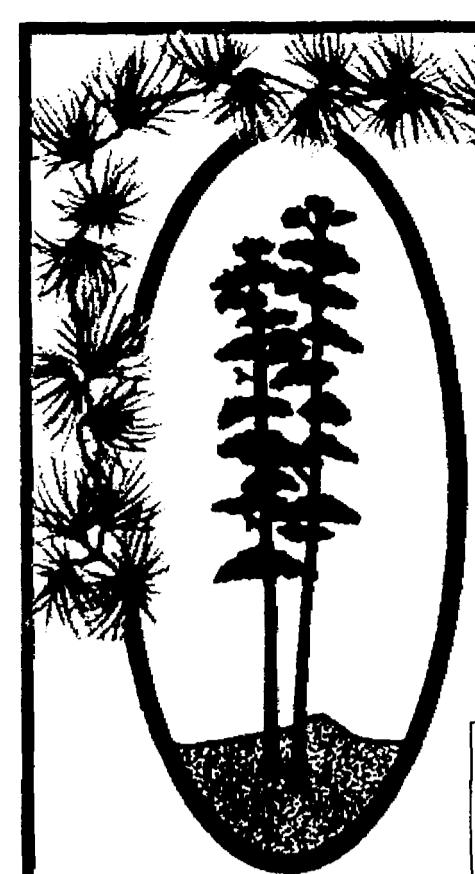
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## DECEMBER

2008

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|        |        |         | Christmas Eve | Christmas Day |        |          |
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